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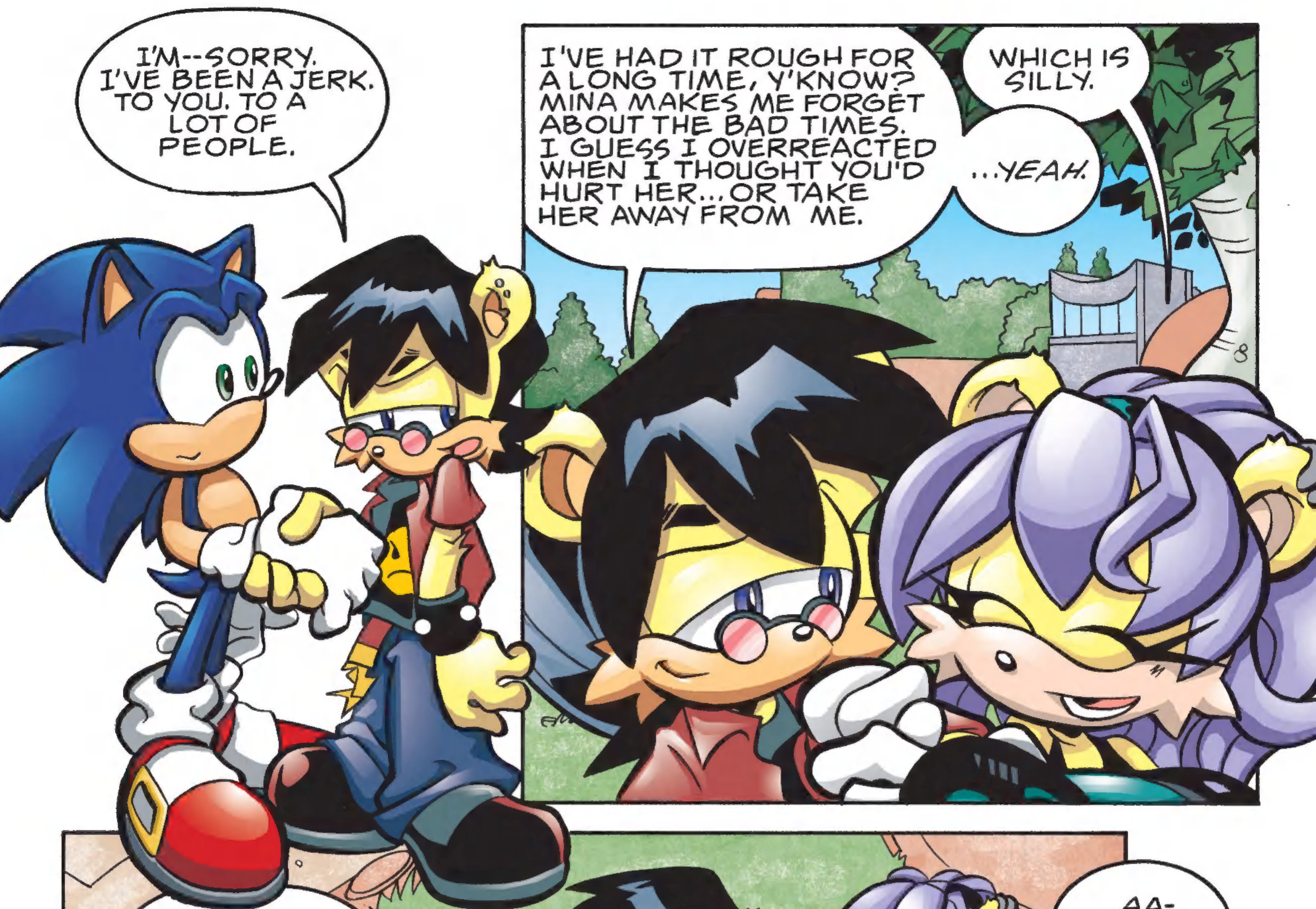
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# Mogul RISING

## Part One: NEEDFUL THINGS



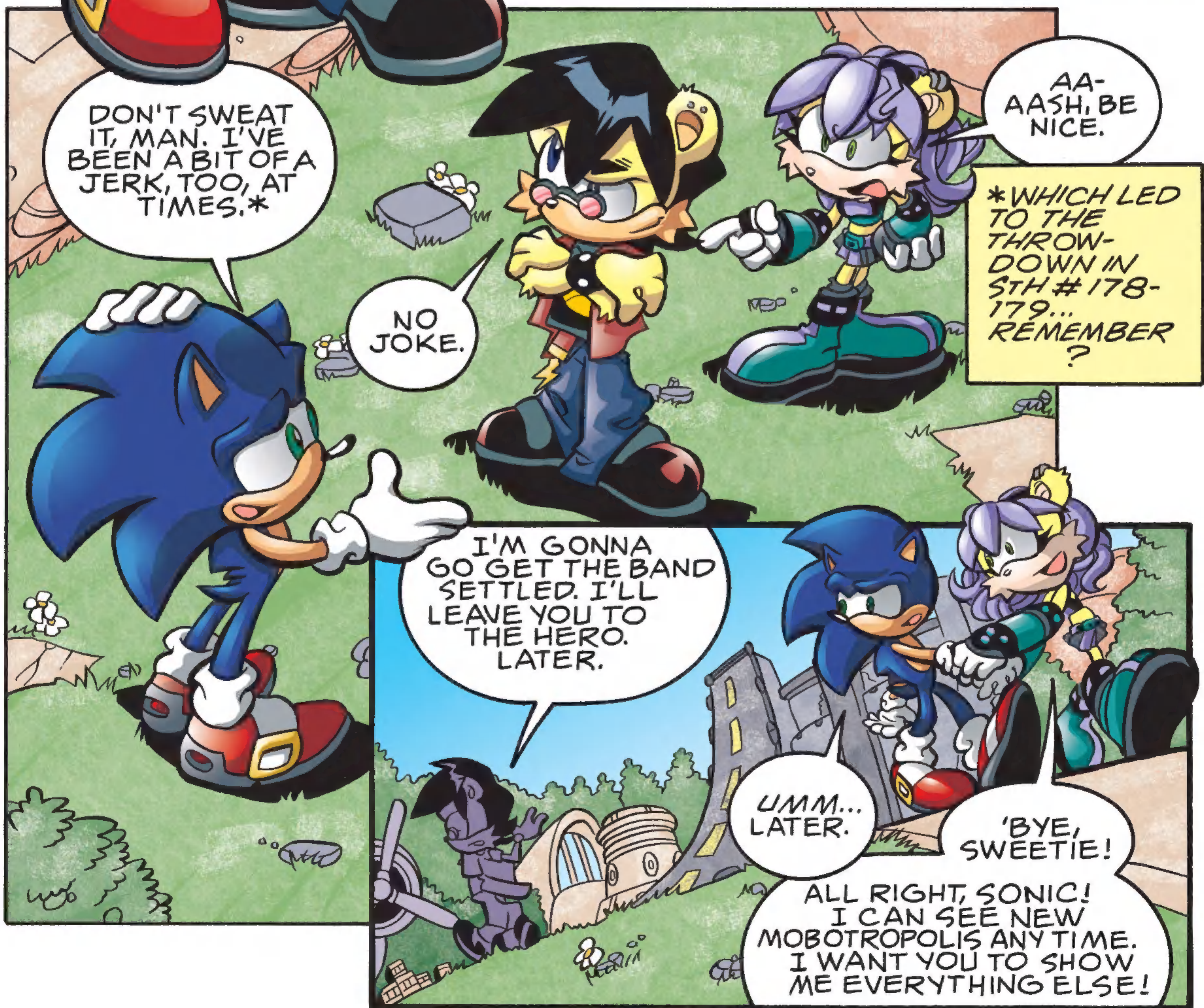


I'M--SORRY.  
I'VE BEEN A JERK.  
TO YOU, TO A  
LOT OF  
PEOPLE.

I'VE HAD IT ROUGH FOR  
A LONG TIME, Y'KNOW?  
MINA MAKES ME FORGET  
ABOUT THE BAD TIMES.  
I GUESS I OVERREACTED  
WHEN I THOUGHT YOU'D  
HURT HER...OR TAKE  
HER AWAY FROM ME.

WHICH IS  
SILLY.

...YEAH.



DON'T SWEAT  
IT, MAN. I'VE  
BEEN A BIT OF A  
JERK, TOO, AT  
TIMES.\*

NO  
JOKE.

AA-  
AASH, BE  
NICE.

\*WHICH LED  
TO THE  
THROW-  
DOWN IN  
STH #178-  
179...  
REMEMBER  
?

I'M GONNA  
GO GET THE BAND  
SETTLED. I'LL  
LEAVE YOU TO  
THE HERO.  
LATER.

UMM...  
LATER.

'BYE,  
SWEETIE!

ALL RIGHT, SONIC!  
I CAN SEE NEW  
MOBOTROPOLIS ANY TIME.  
I WANT YOU TO SHOW  
ME EVERYTHING ELSE!



"STARTING WITH WHAT WE LOST..."

THIS IS ALL THAT'S LEFT OF KNOTHOLE!?

ROBOTNIK WAS THOROUGH.\*

AT THE VERY LEAST, THE GREAT FOREST IS STILL STANDING.

\*DURING THE CATACLYSM IN 5TH # 175.

I THINK--I THINK THIS USED TO BE MY HOUSE. IT'S HARD TO TELL WITH EVERYTHING GONE.

WHEN I TOOK MY SHOW ON TOUR, I WANTED TO RALLY THE WORLD TO UNIFY AGAINST THE EGGMAN EMPIRE. WHEN WE HEARD ABOUT KNOTHOLE, I WROTE A SONG ABOUT IT. I TRIED TO WRITE SOMETHING THAT'D BE A FITTING TRIBUTE. SEEING THIS--I DON'T KNOW IF I COULD EVER DO IT JUSTICE.

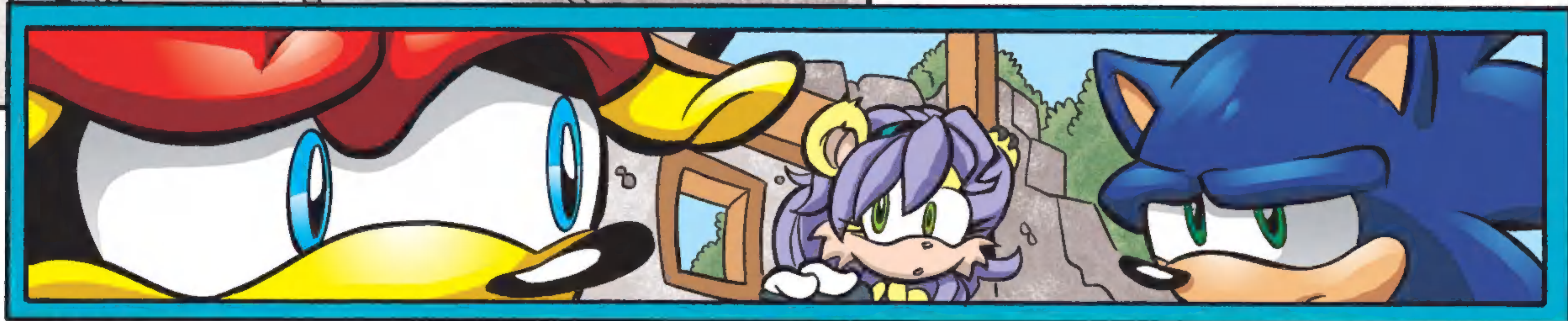
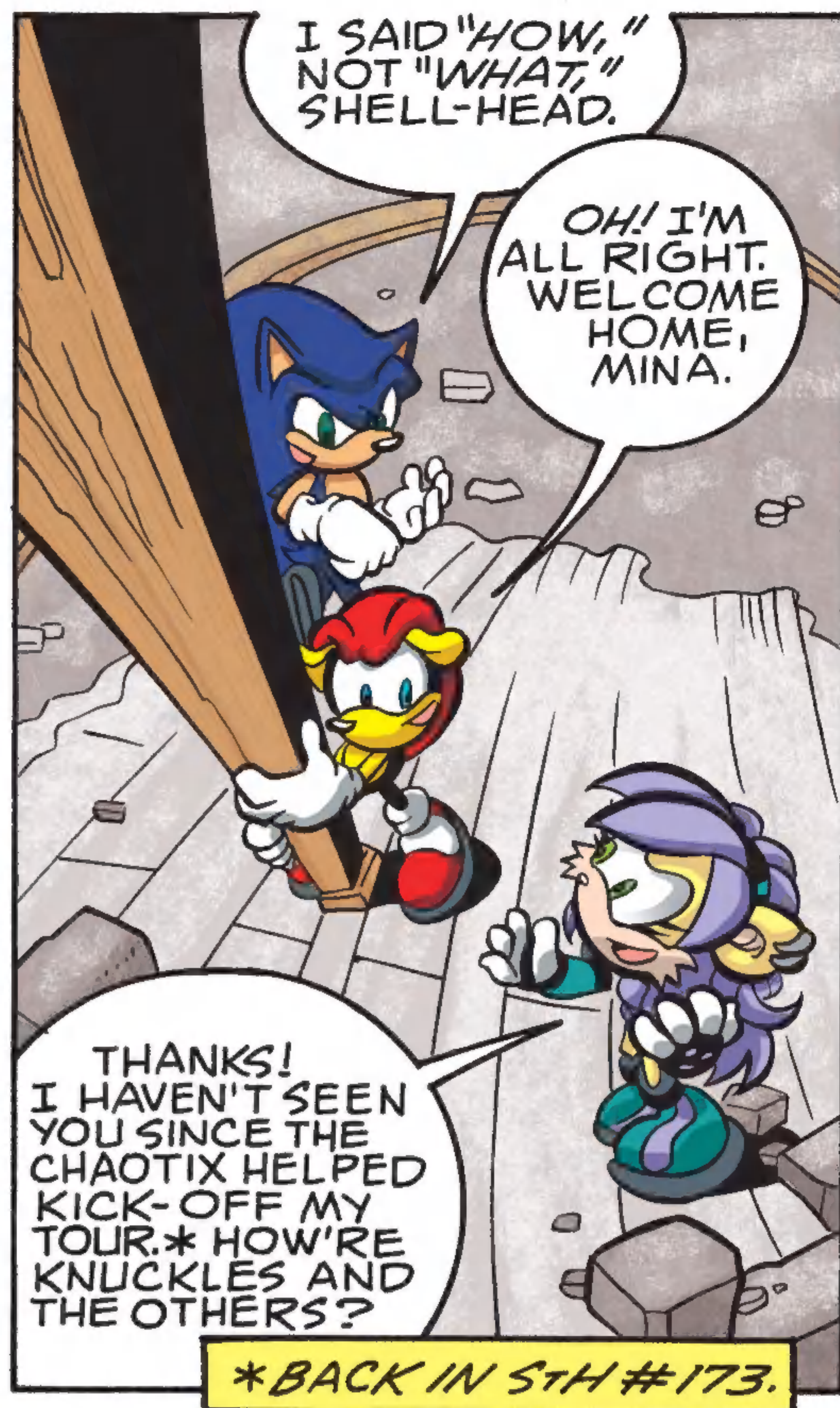
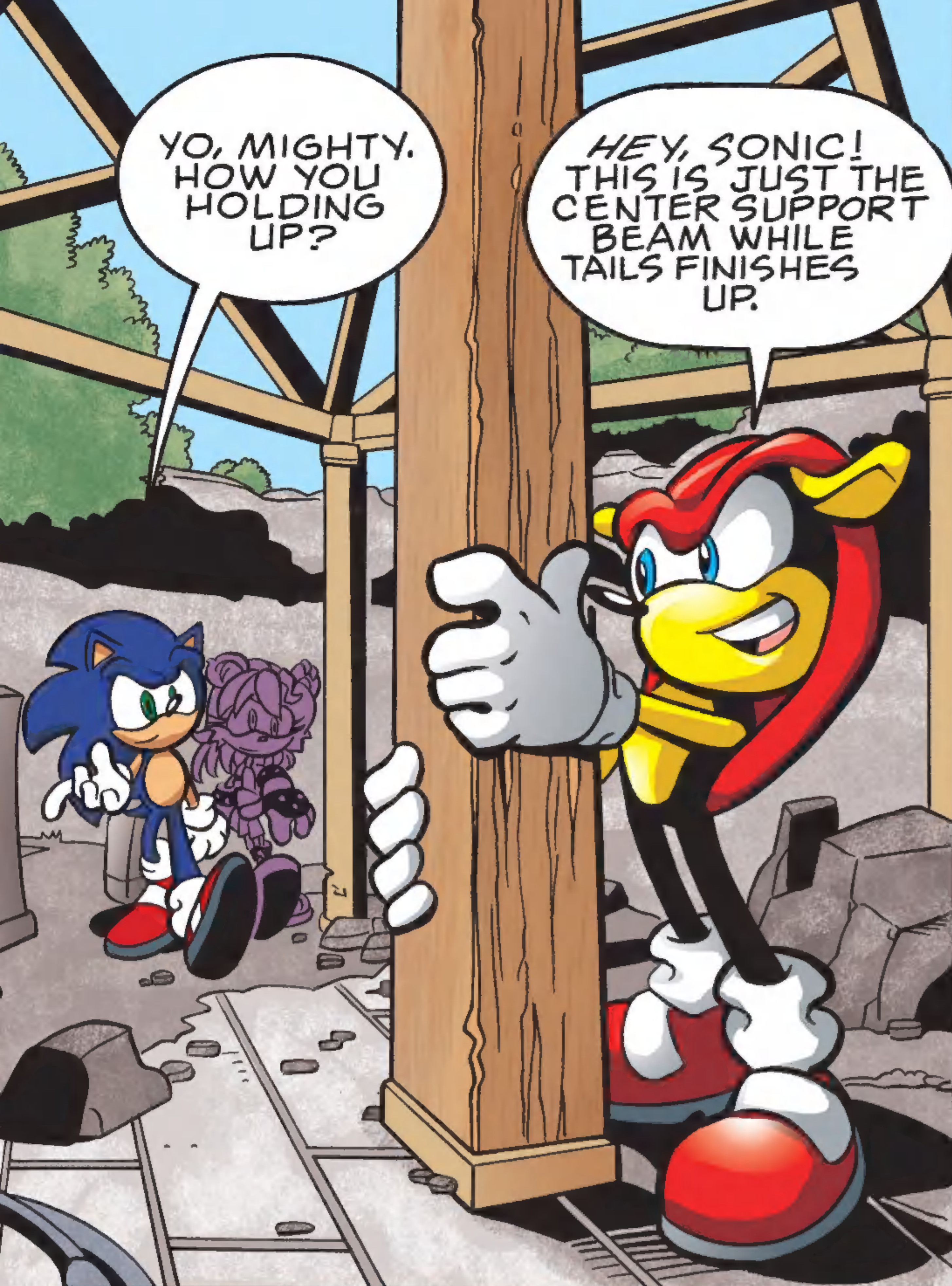
YOU'LL HAVE TO SING IT FOR US AND LET US BE THE JUDGE. C'MON. NOT EVERYTHING WAS LEVELED.

OH, WOW! I MAY NOT BE A FREEDOM FIGHTER, BUT IT'S SO NICE TO SEE FREEDOM HQ IS STILL STANDING.

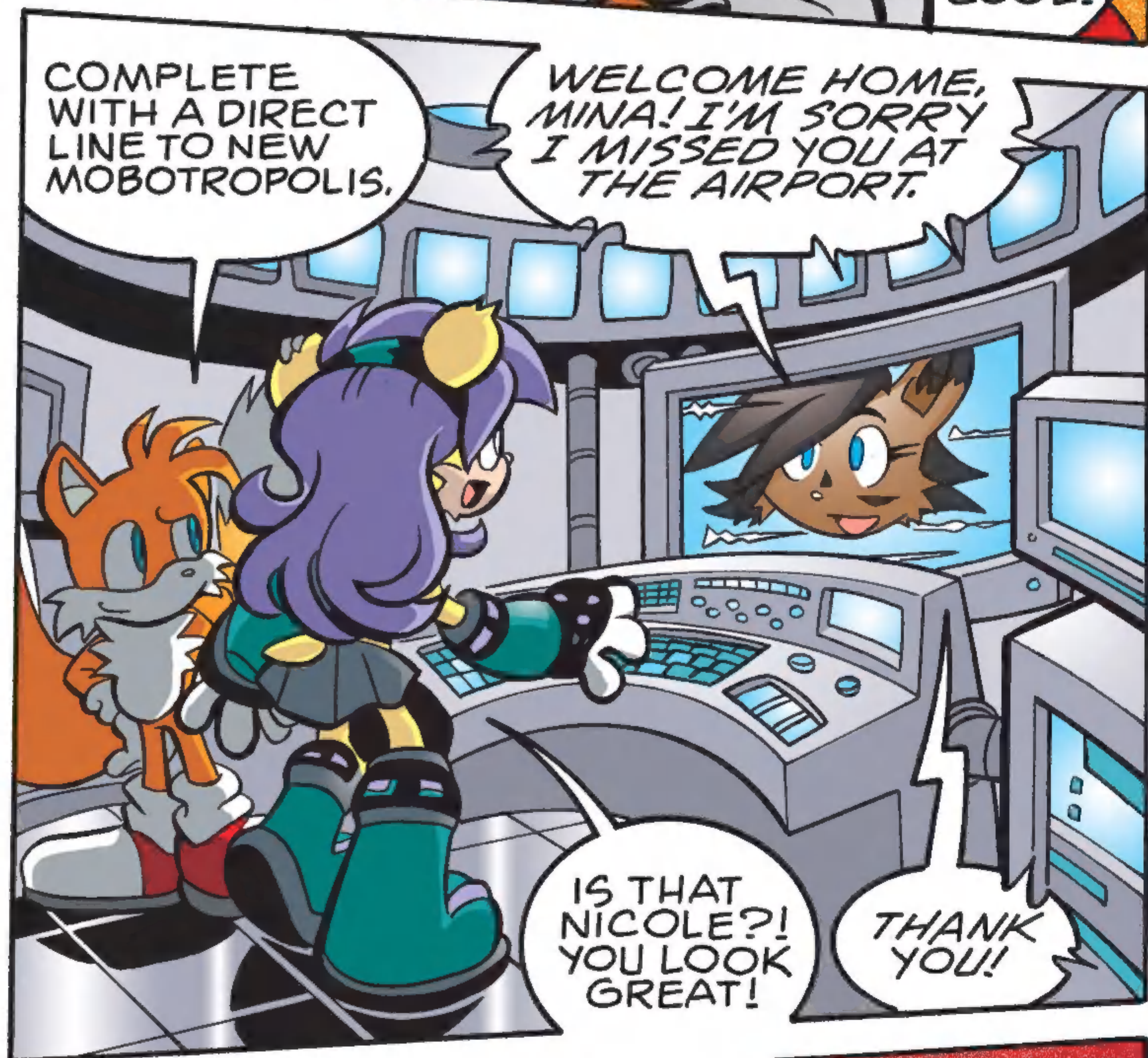
FOR THE MOST PART. WE'VE STILL GOT A ROOM FOR YOU AND ASH.

REALLY?!









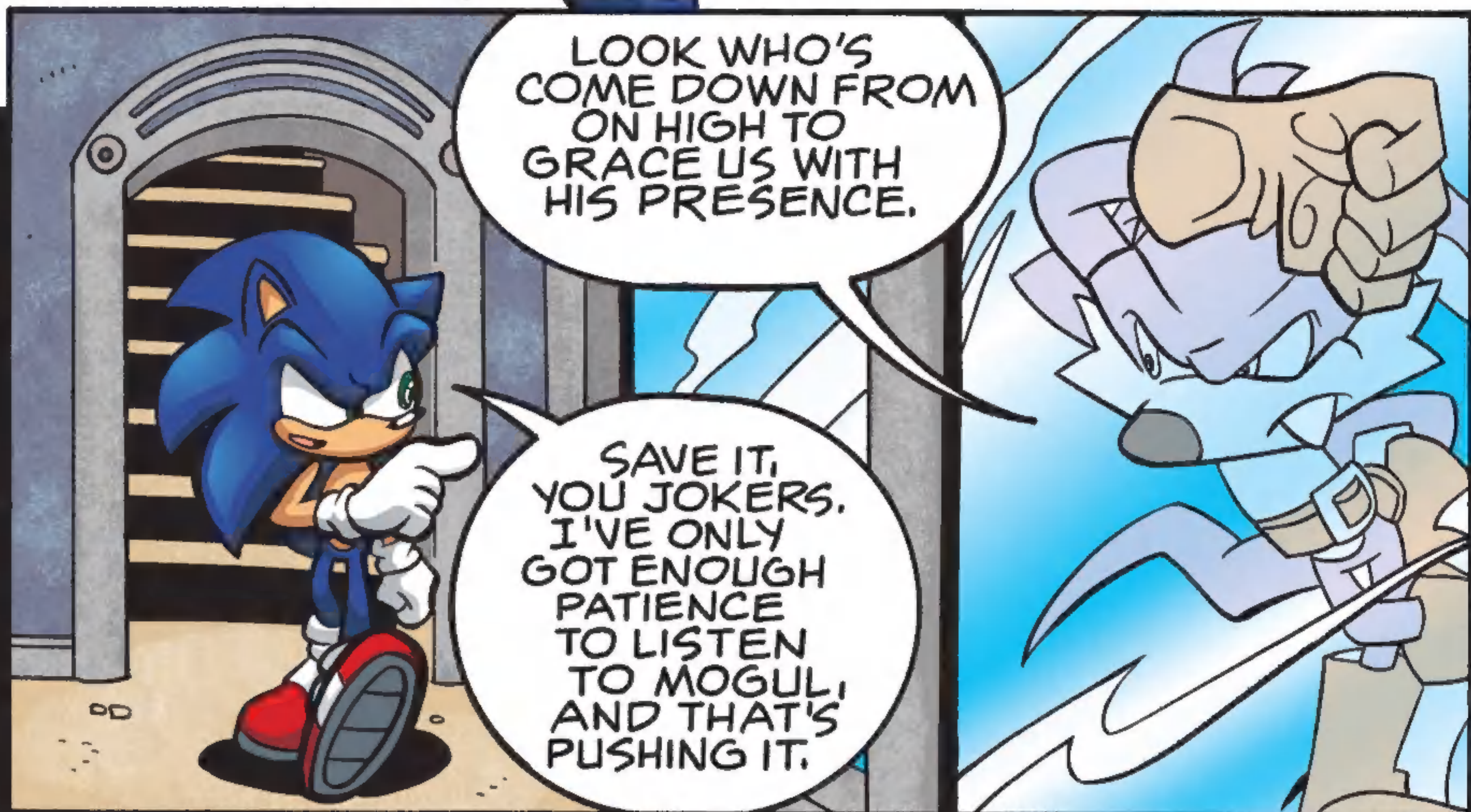


"MAMMOTH  
MOGUL AT THE  
DETENTION  
CENTER."

"OH,  
JOY."



PLEASE  
LET HIM HAVE A  
SORE THROAT.  
I HAVE PLANS  
FOR THE REST  
OF THE DAY.



LOOK WHO'S  
COME DOWN FROM  
ON HIGH TO  
GRACE US WITH  
HIS PRESENCE.

SAVE IT,  
YOU JOKERS.  
I'VE ONLY  
GOT ENOUGH  
PATIENCE  
TO LISTEN  
TO MOGUL,  
AND THAT'S  
PUSHING IT.

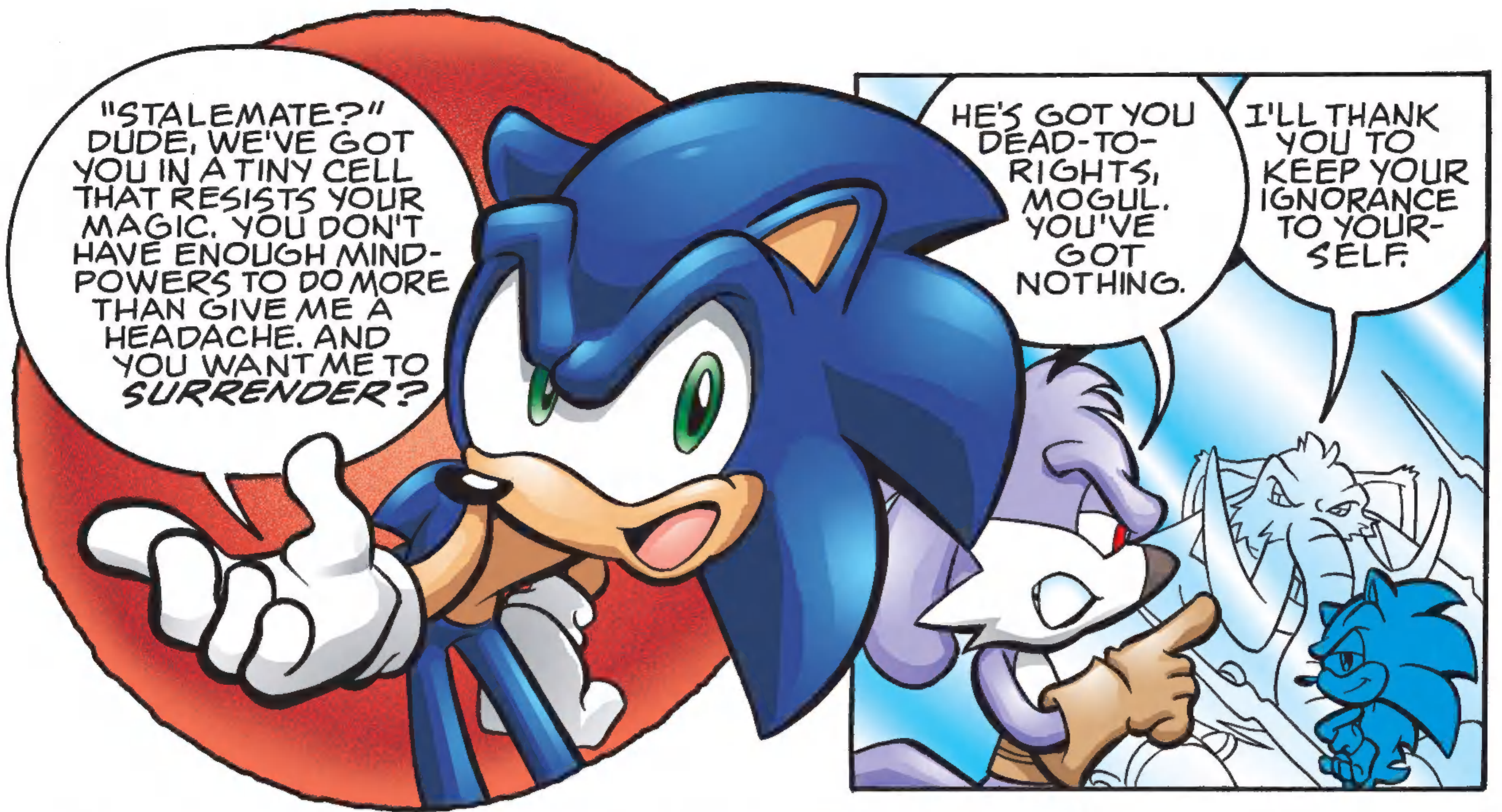


WHAT'S  
GOT YOUR  
TRUNK IN A  
KNOT, BIG  
GUY?

YOU HAVE  
MY GRATITUDE  
FOR DECIDING TO  
ACQUIESCE TO MY  
SUMMONS. VIS-À-VIS  
OUR PRESENT STATUS  
OF STALEMATE, I  
PROPOSE AN ARMIS-  
TICE TO ARBITRATE  
THE CONDITIONS OF  
YOUR SURRENDER  
AND MY  
MAGNANIMOUS  
DEPARTURE.







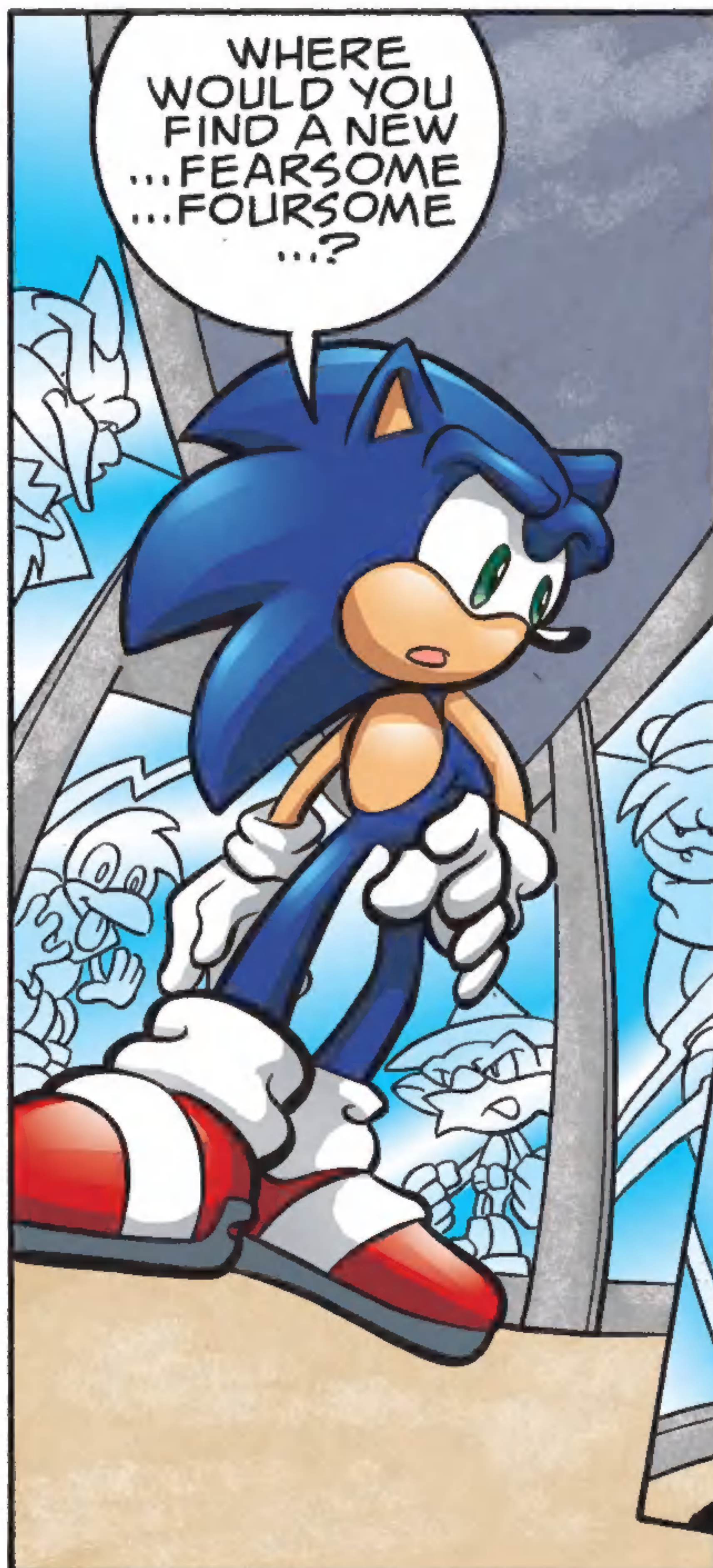
"STALEMATE?"  
DUDE, WE'VE GOT  
YOU IN A TINY CELL  
THAT RESISTS YOUR  
MAGIC. YOU DON'T  
HAVE ENOUGH MIND-  
POWERS TO DO MORE  
THAN GIVE ME A  
HEADACHE. AND  
YOU WANT ME TO  
**SURRENDER?**

HE'S GOT YOU  
DEAD-TO-  
RIGHTS,  
MOGUL.  
YOU'VE  
GOT  
NOTHING.

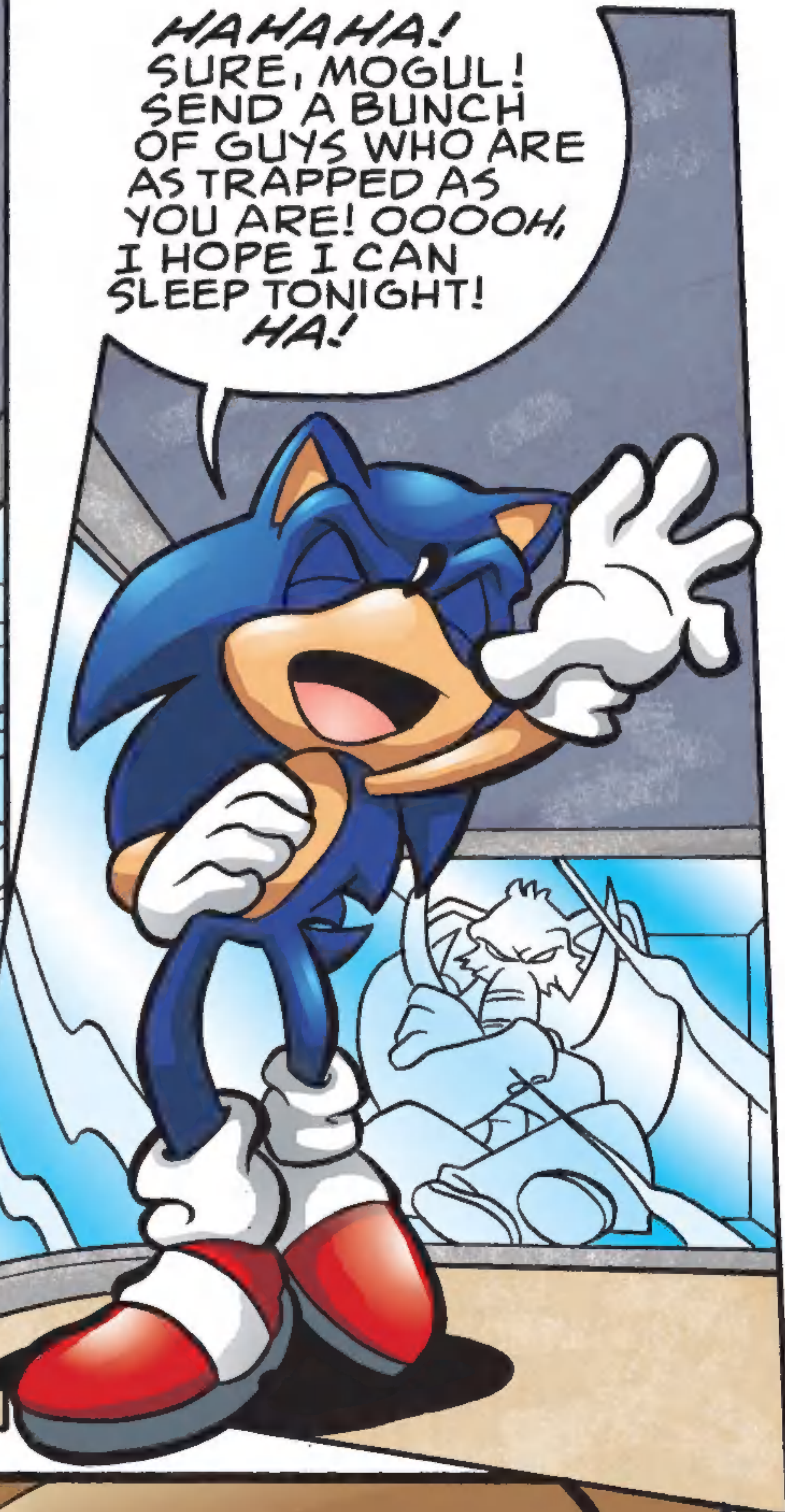
I'LL THANK  
YOU TO  
KEEP YOUR  
IGNORANCE  
TO YOUR-  
SELF.



I WILL GIVE YOU  
THIS ONE CHANCE  
TO END THIS WITH-  
OUT CONFRONTA-  
TION. CEDE TO MY  
DEMANDS, OR I  
SHALL RAISE MY  
NEW ITERATION OF  
THE FEARSOME  
FOURSOME TO DO  
MY BIDDING.



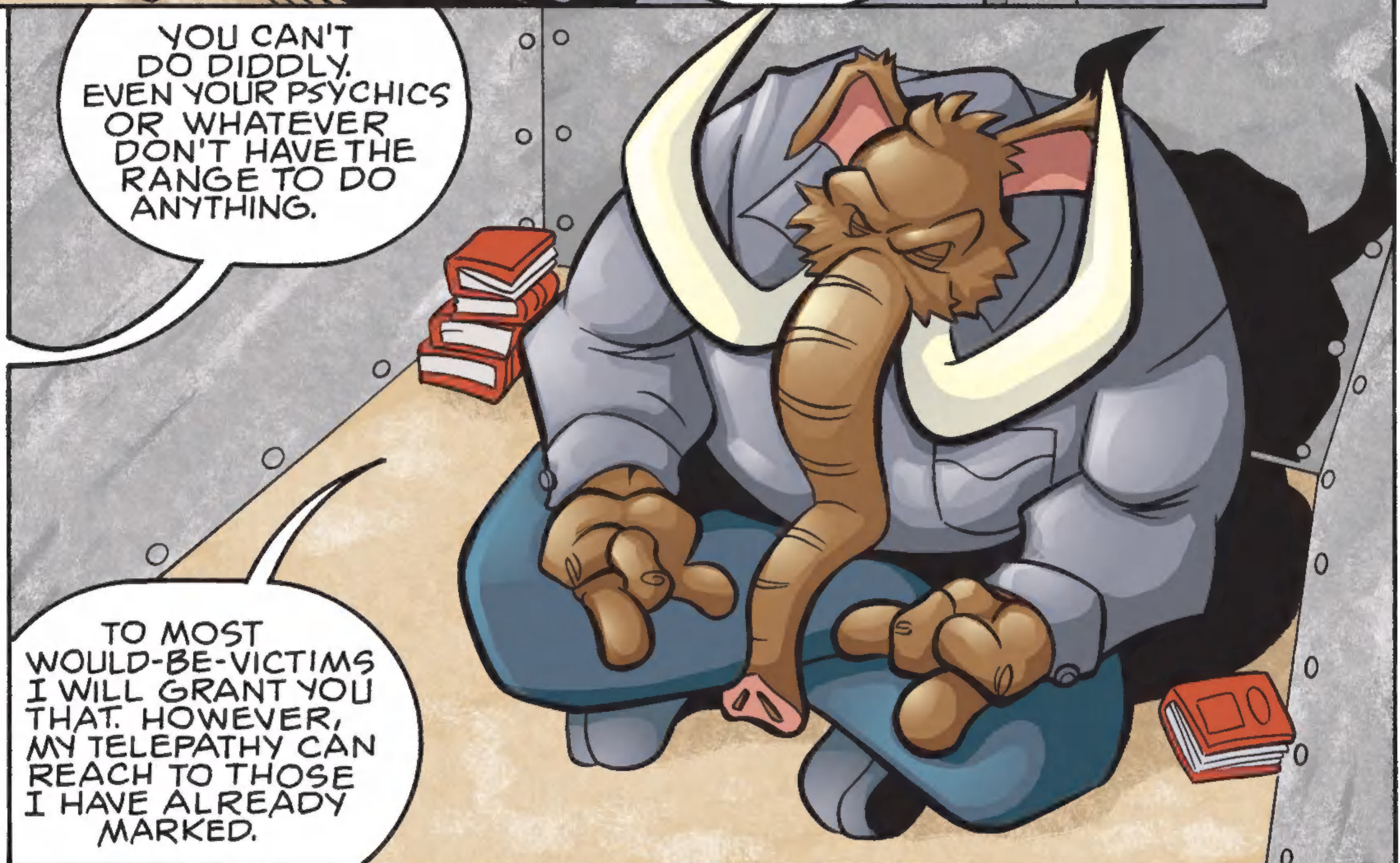
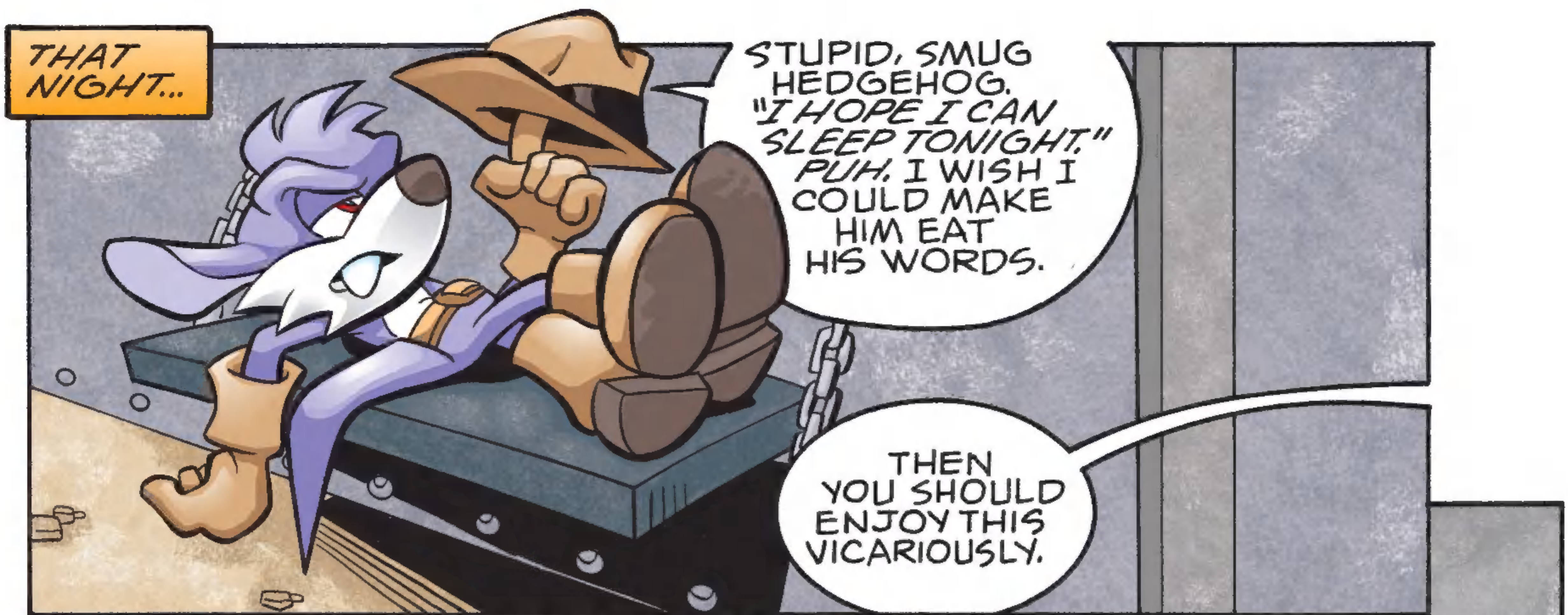
WHERE  
WOULD YOU  
FIND A NEW  
...FEARSOME  
...FOURSOME  
...?



**HAHAHA!**  
SURE, MOGUL!  
SEND A BUNCH  
OF GUYS WHO ARE  
AS TRAPPED AS  
YOU ARE! OOOOH,  
I HOPE I CAN  
SLEEP TONIGHT!  
**HA!**









MINA...  
REMEMBER...

REMEMBER WHEN  
ROBOTNIK RECLAIMED  
HIS OLD CITY.  
REMEMBER HOW YOU  
SOUGHT YOUR DEAR  
MOTHER.

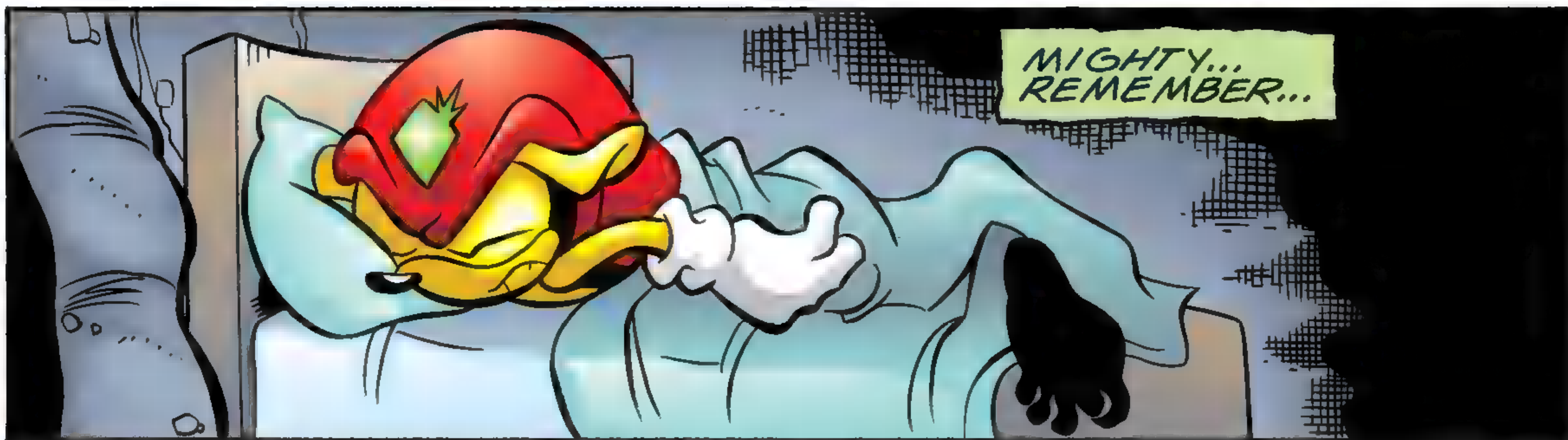
I FOUND YOU. I SAW  
YOUR POTENTIAL. I  
ENHANCED YOUR  
NATURAL PROWESS,  
BUT ROBBED YOUR  
MEMORY. THE BEST  
PAWNS ARE THE  
UNWITTING ONES.

YOU WOULD NOT  
STUMBLE UPON  
YOUR NEW POWER  
UNTIL LATER. YET  
YOU FAILED TO USE  
IT AND FOLLOWED  
YOUR HEART ELSE-  
WHERE. REMEMBER  
--AND I WILL UNDO  
THAT MISTAKE.

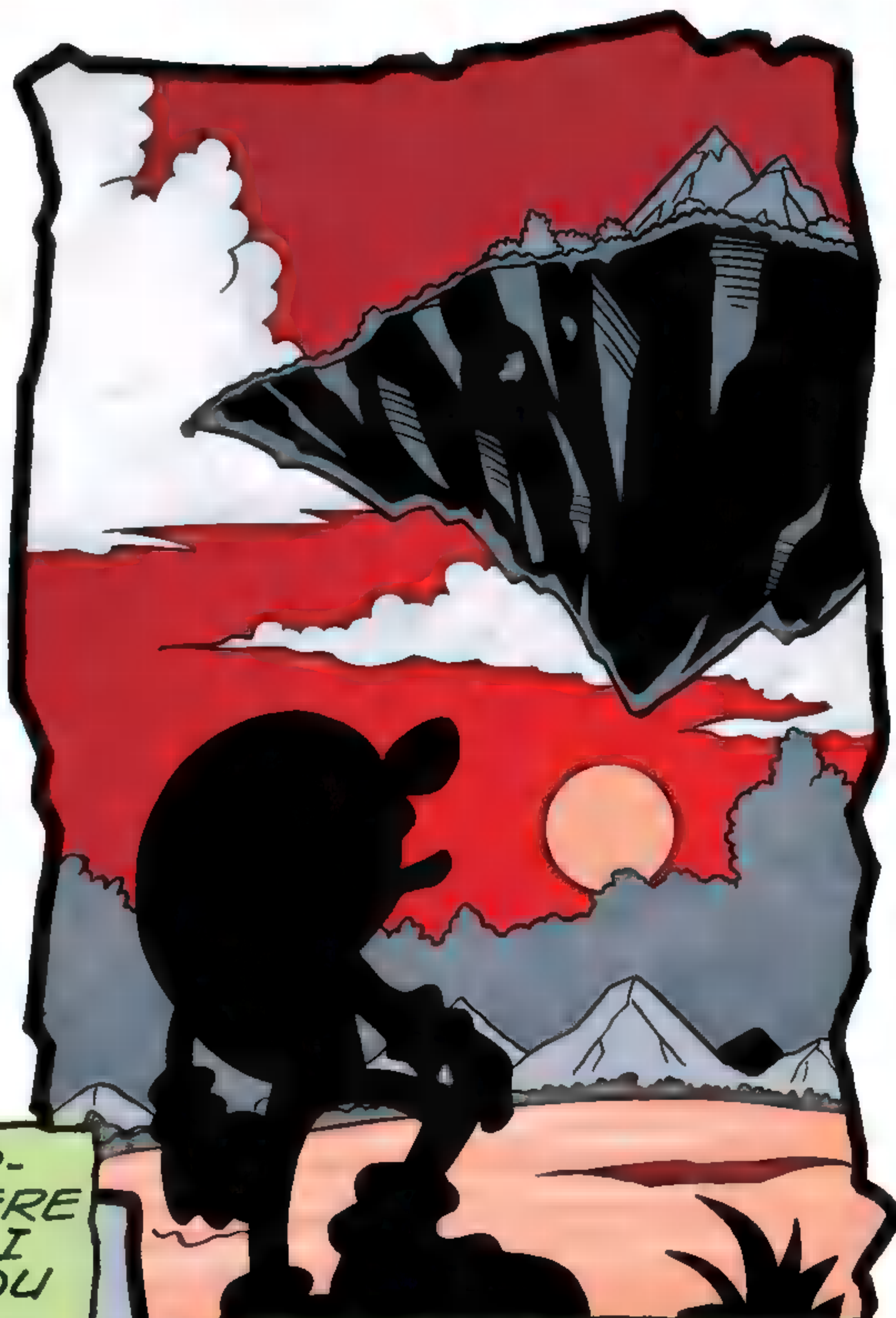
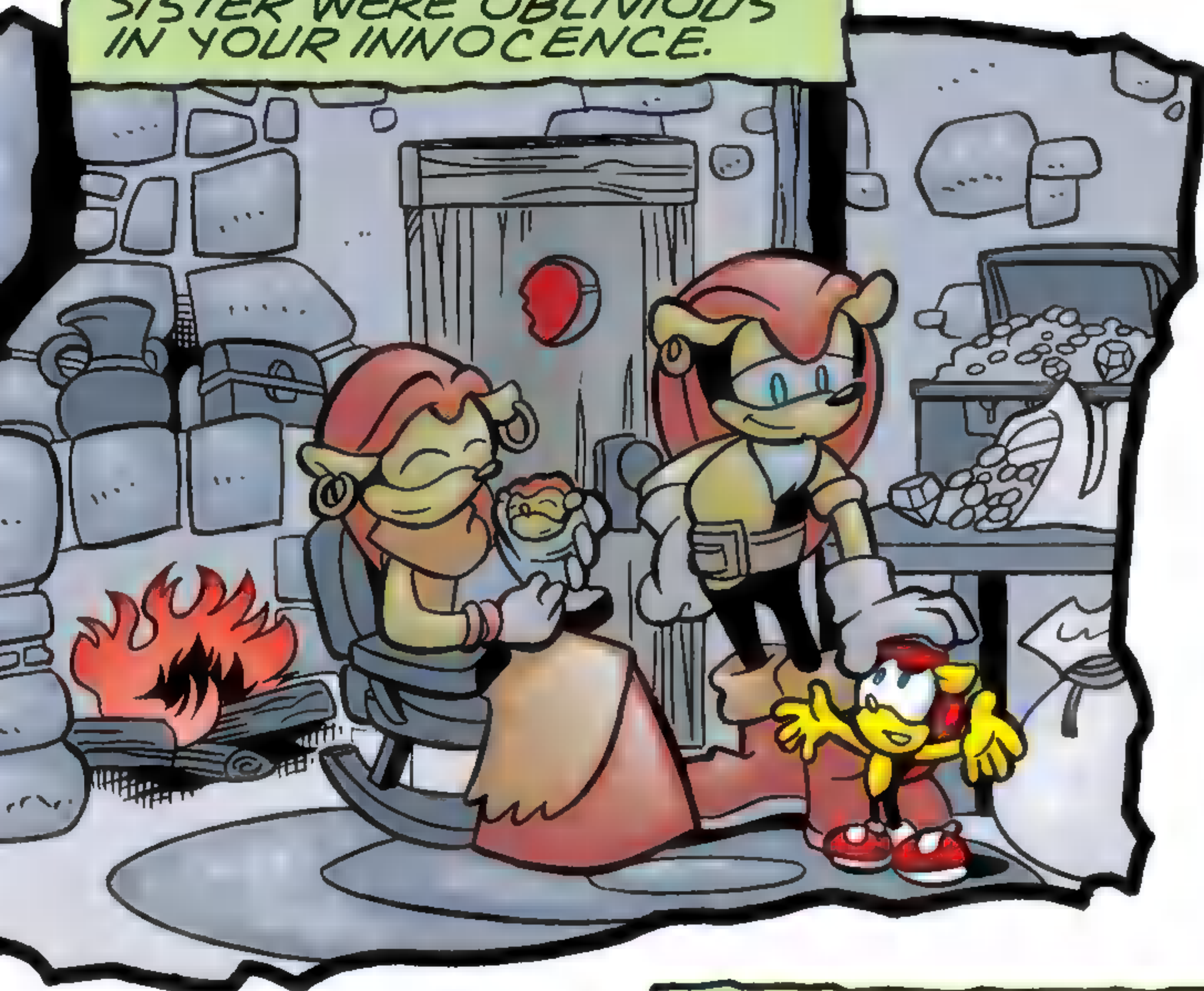
RISE, MY  
FIRST.

ZZZSNRK?

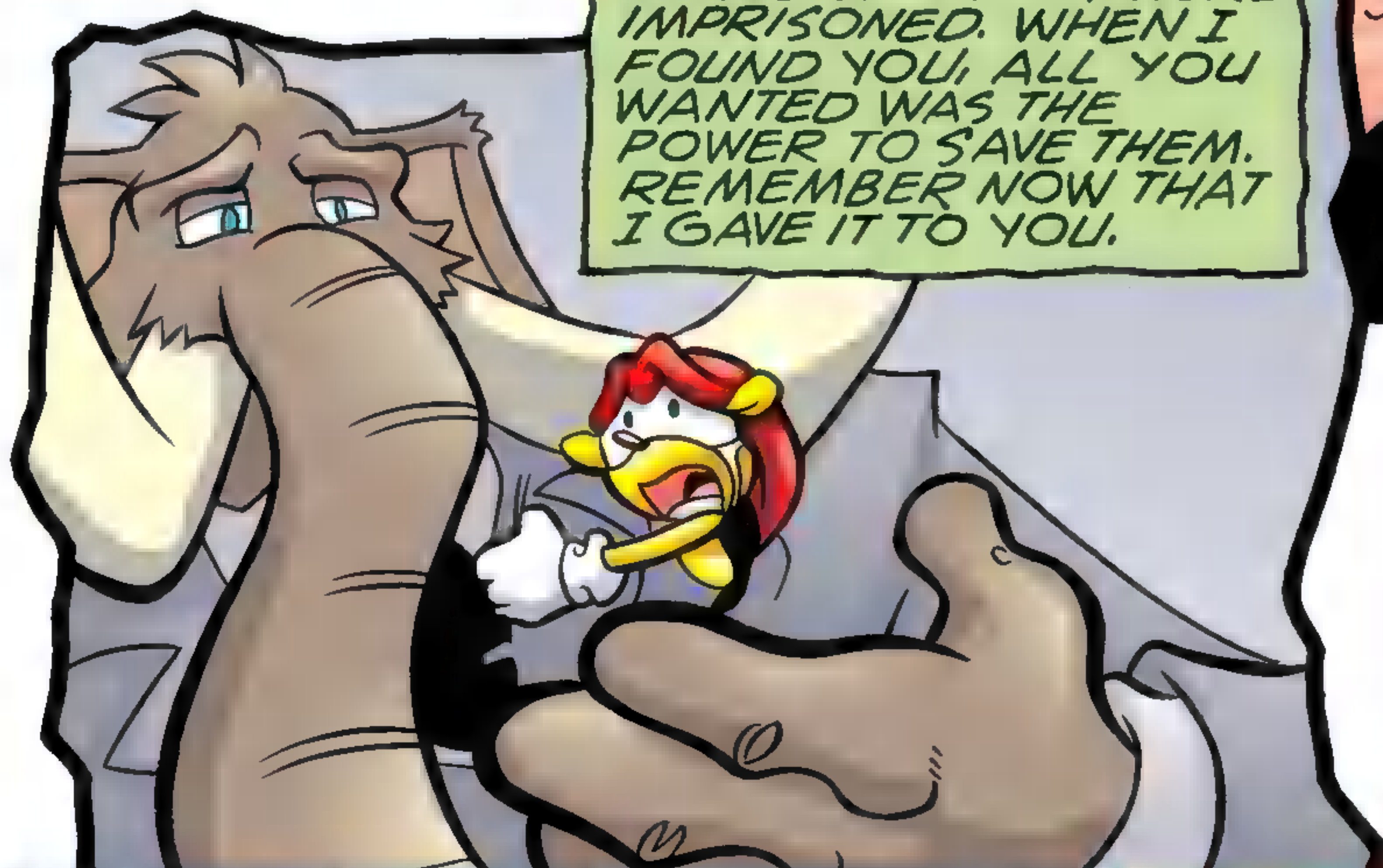




YOU WERE TOO LITTLE TO REALIZE YOUR PARENTS' THIEVERY. YOU AND YOUR SISTER WERE OBLIVIOUS IN YOUR INNOCENCE.



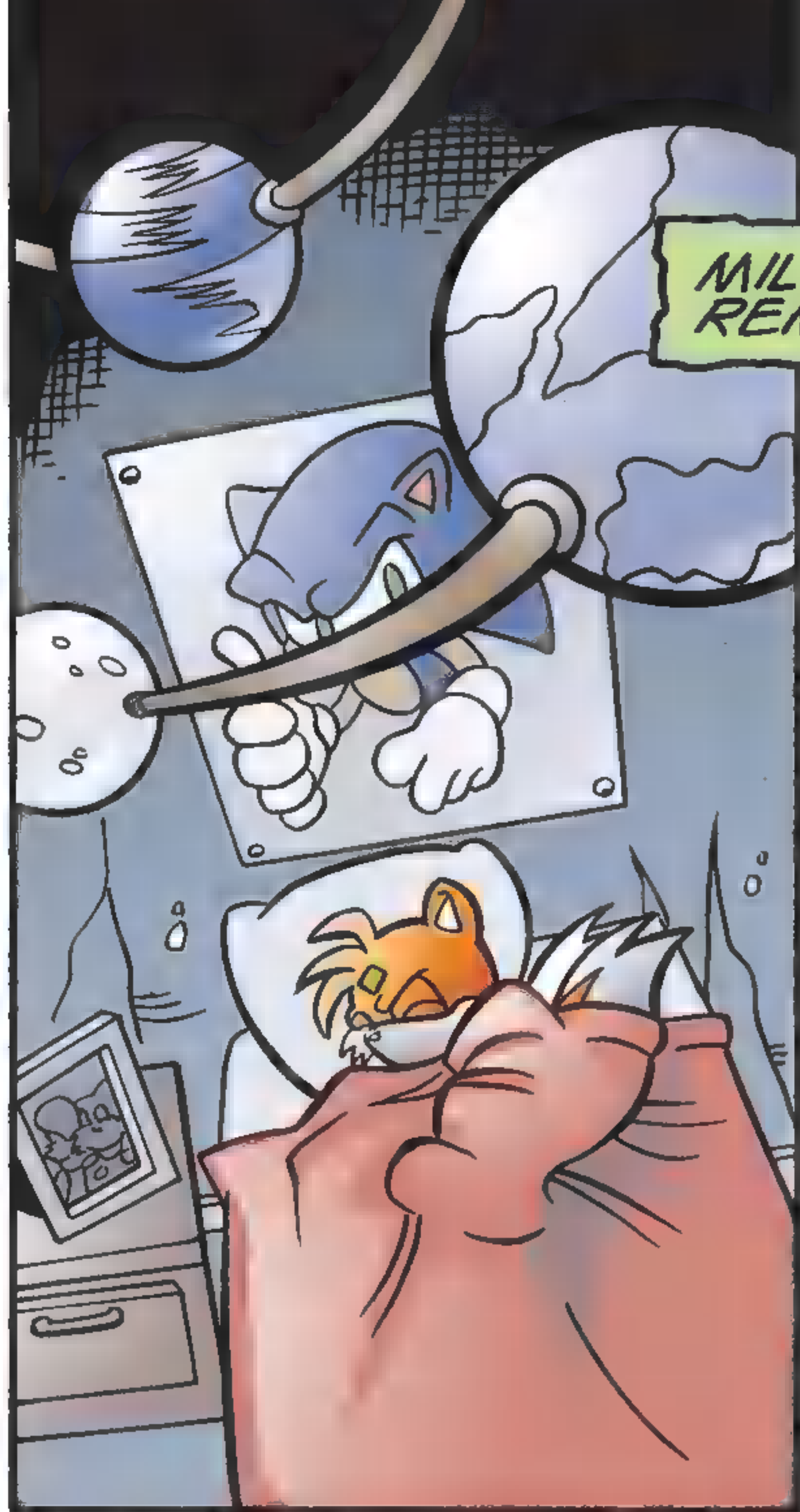
YOU DID NOT UNDERSTAND WHY THEY WERE IMPRISONED. WHEN I FOUND YOU, ALL YOU WANTED WAS THE POWER TO SAVE THEM. REMEMBER NOW THAT I GAVE IT TO YOU.



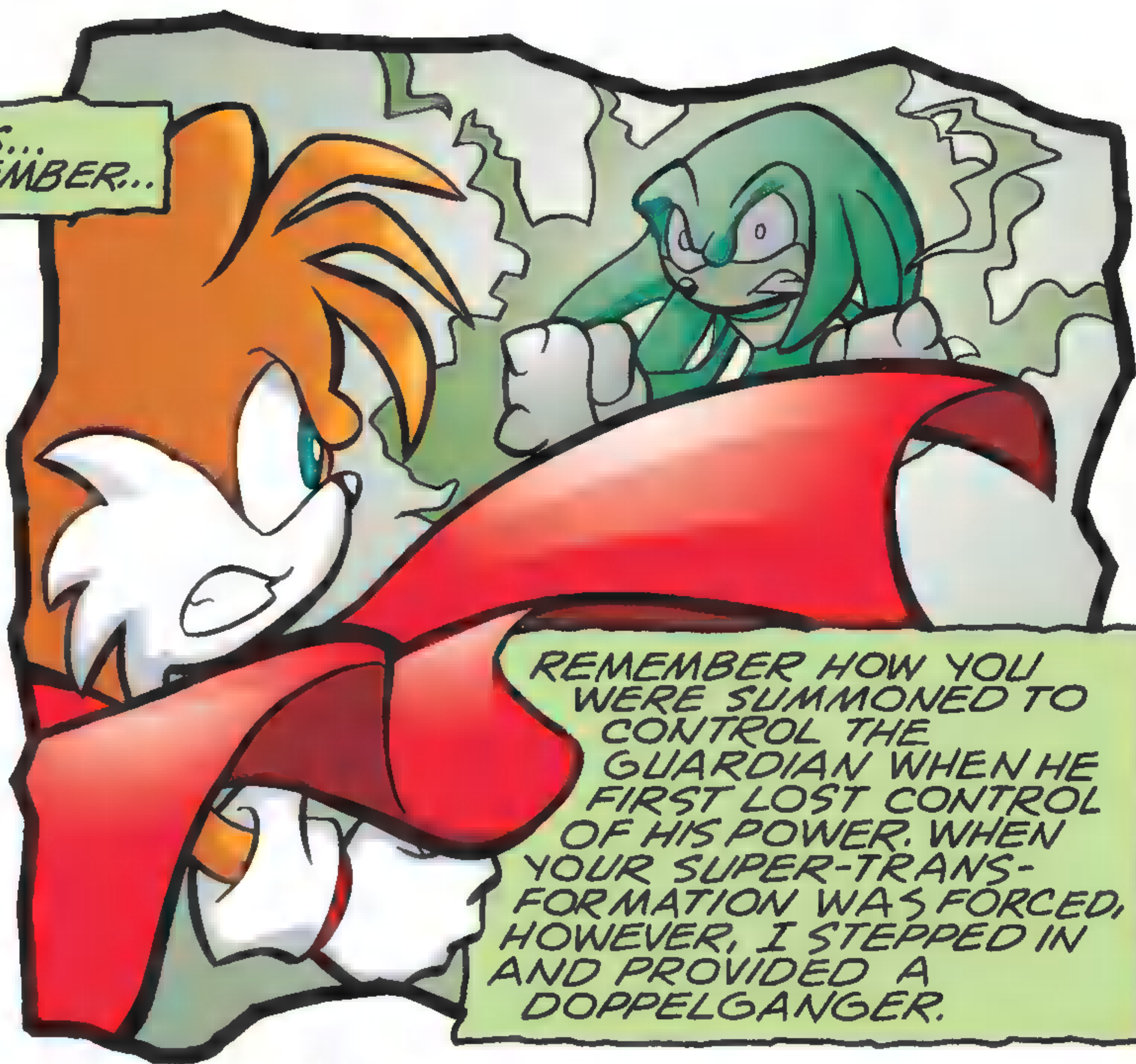
SUCH FREAKISH STRENGTH FAILED TO LIBERATE THEM, AND MADE YOU A PARIAH. REMEMBER HOW YOU LEFT MERCIA AND WANDERED UNTIL YOU FOUND YOUR FINAL CHOICE OF EXILE. NOW I'VE COME TO CLAIM YOU.



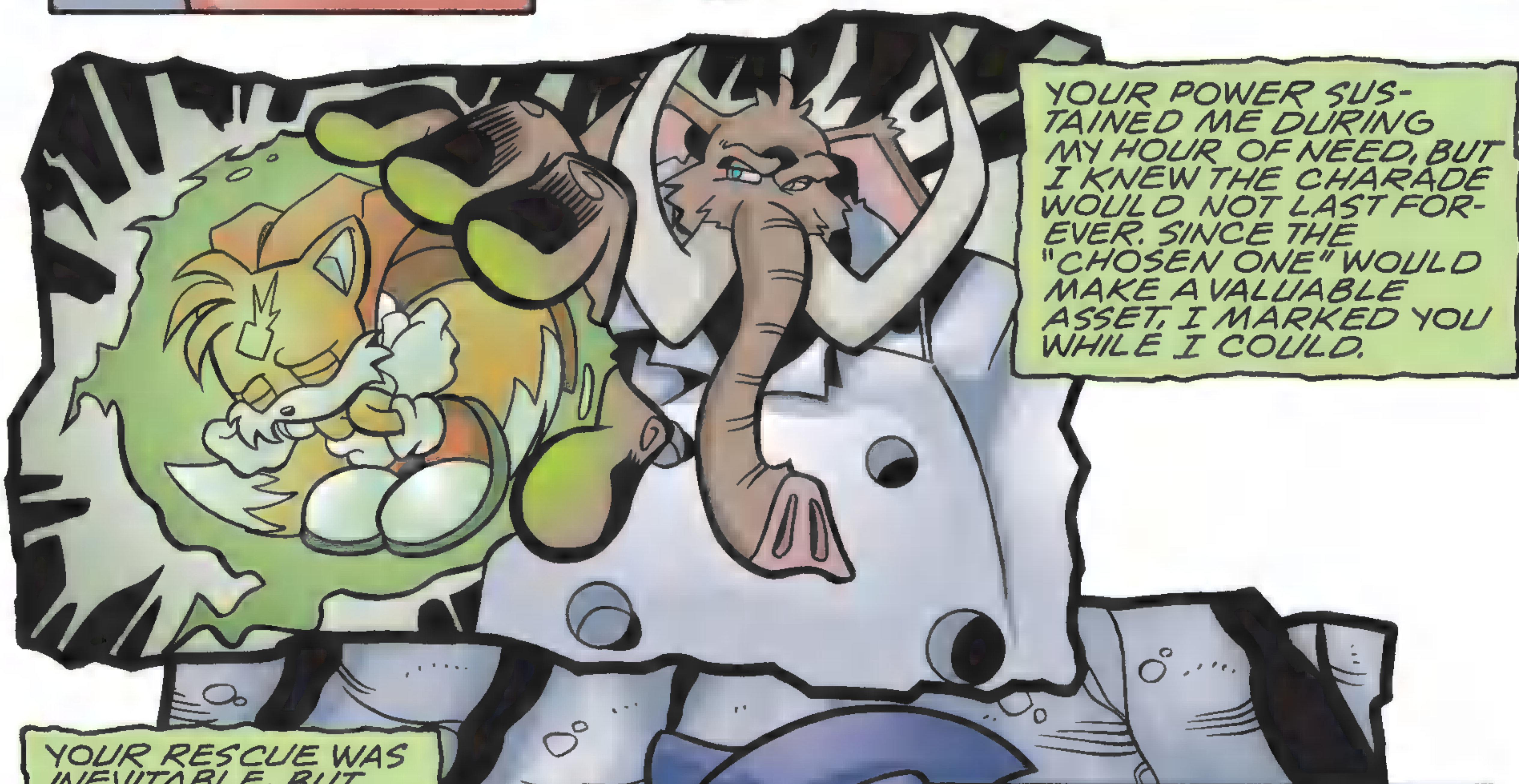




MILES...  
REMEMBER...

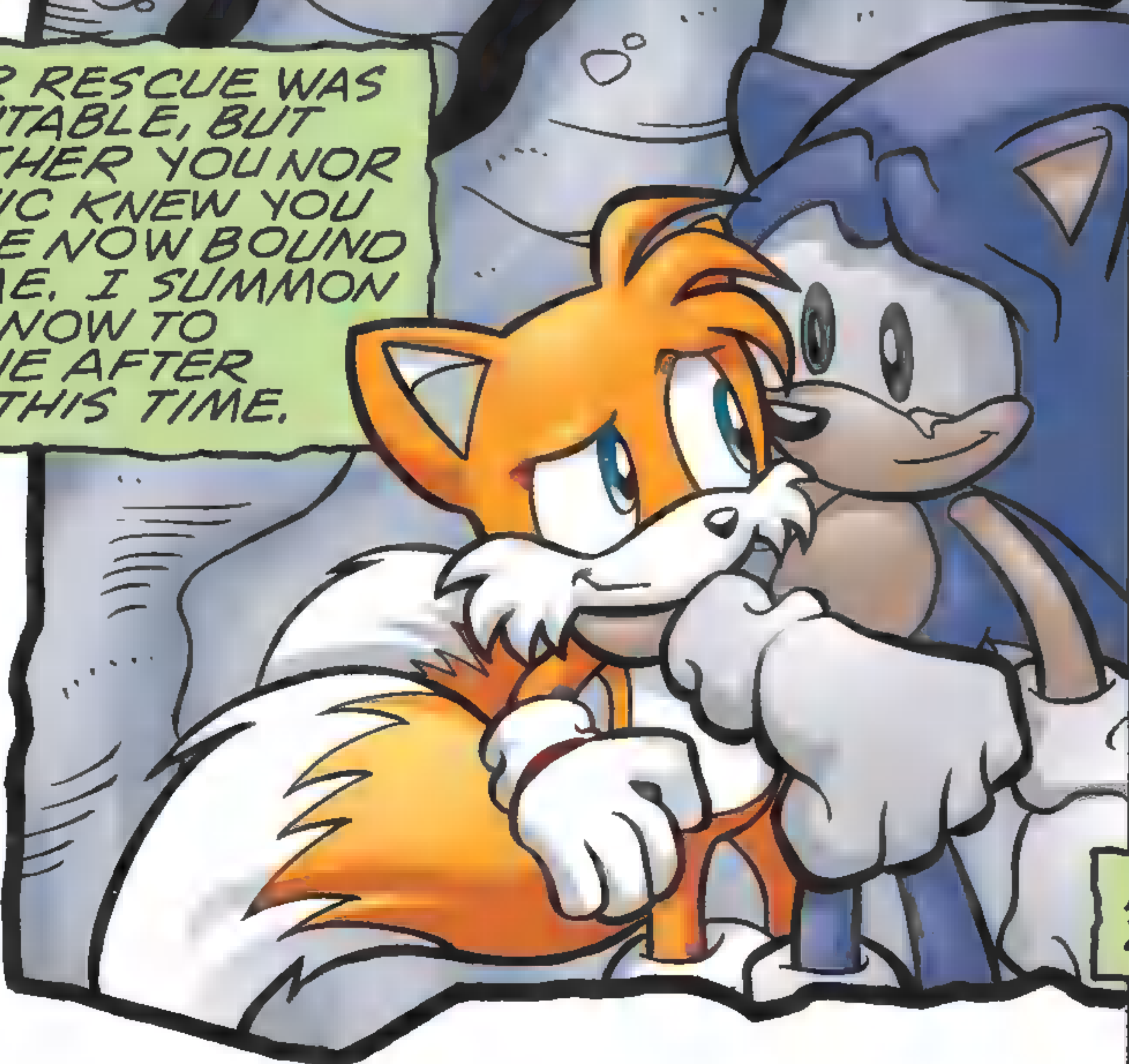


REMEMBER HOW YOU  
WERE SUMMONED TO  
CONTROL THE  
GUARDIAN WHEN HE  
FIRST LOST CONTROL  
OF HIS POWER. WHEN  
YOUR SUPER-TRANS-  
FORMATION WAS FORCED,  
HOWEVER, I STEPPED IN  
AND PROVIDED A  
DOPPELGANGER.

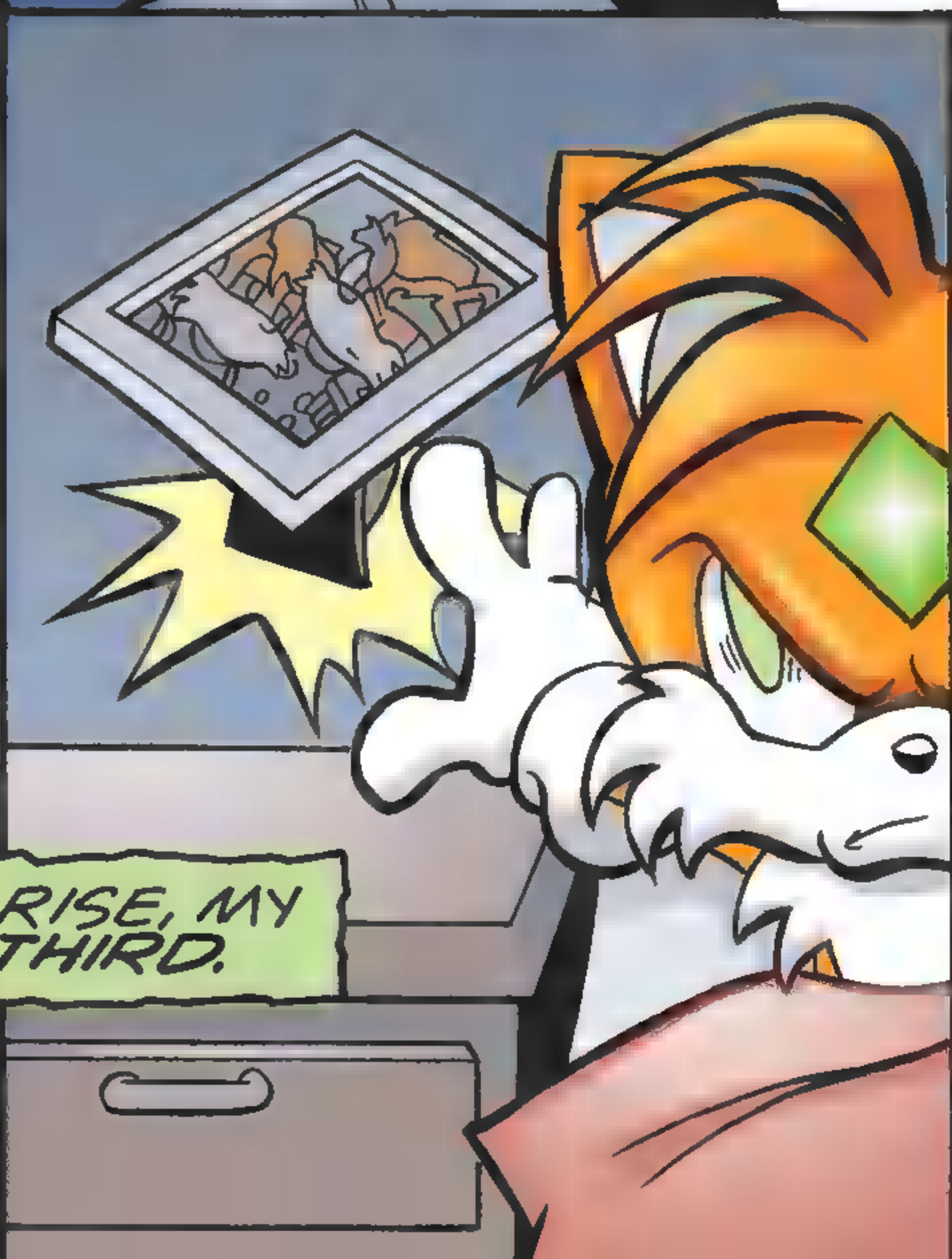


YOUR POWER SUS-  
TAINED ME DURING  
MY HOUR OF NEED, BUT  
I KNEW THE CHARADE  
WOULD NOT LAST FOR-  
EVER. SINCE THE  
"CHOSEN ONE" WOULD  
MAKE A VALUABLE  
ASSET, I MARKED YOU  
WHILE I COULD.

YOUR RESCUE WAS  
INEVITABLE, BUT  
NEITHER YOU NOR  
SONIC KNEW YOU  
WERE NOW BOUND  
TO ME. I SUMMON  
YOU NOW TO  
SERVE AFTER  
ALL THIS TIME.



RISE, MY  
THIRD.

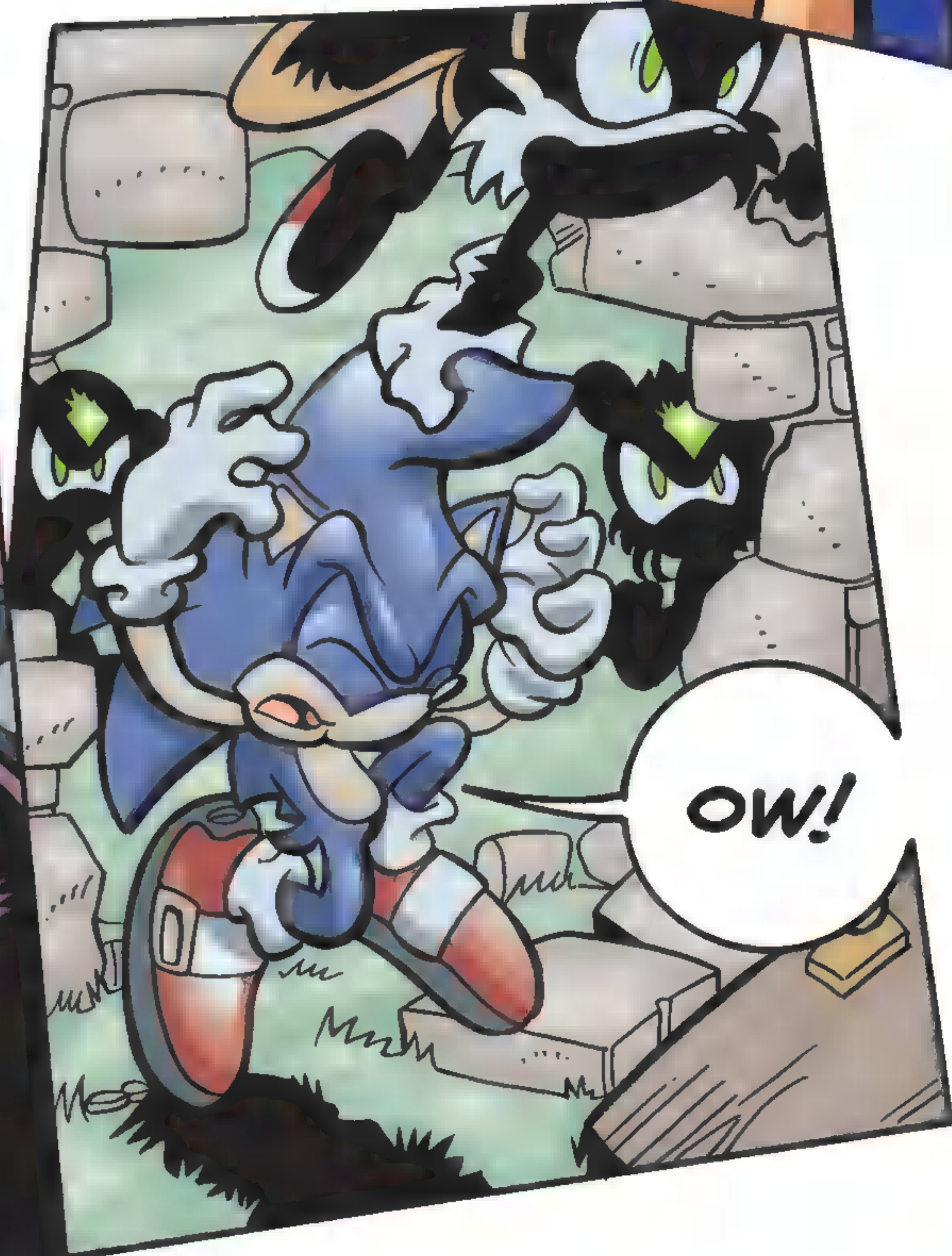
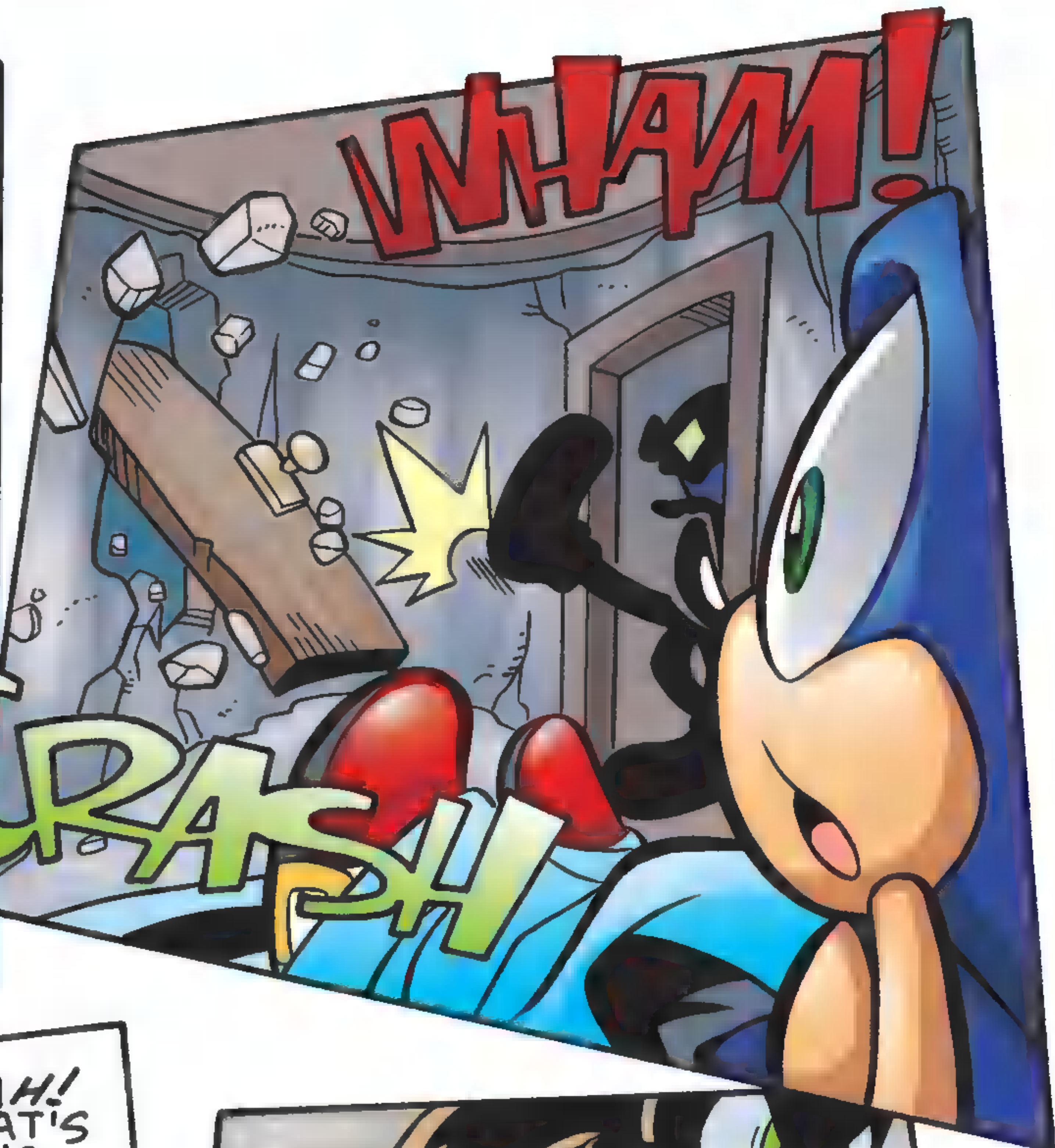






THAT'S IT...  
NOW FOR  
THE *FOURTH*,  
HE WILL NEED  
CONVINCING...









**LOOKS LIKE SONIC'S FRIENDS HAVE HIM IN A TIGHT SPOT! JUST WHAT DOES MOGUL PLAN TO DO WITH HIS NEW FEARSOME FOURSOME, AND HOW WILL HE PERSUADE SONIC TO GO ALONG WITH IT? AND WHEN ALL IS SAID AND DONE, WILL OUR HERO BE ABLE TO BREAK MOGUL'S PERNICIOUS PACHYDERM? COME BACK NEXT MONTH FOR THE SHOCKING CONCLUSION TO *MOGUL RISING*!**



# SONIC

THE HEDGEHOG

Presents: THE FORTY FATHOM  
FREEDOM FIGHTERS  
IN  
**MISFIT BADNIKS:**  
THE SOGGY, SALTY SEQUEL

ROLL CALL:



CATERKILLER



ORBINAUT



CRABMEAT



BAT BRAIN



SPLATS



BUZZBOMBER



BURROBOT



JAWS



MOTOBUG



BALLHOG



COCONUTS

SORRY, I HAD  
TO GO TO THE  
RUST ROOM. WHAT  
HAPPENED WHILE  
I WAS GONE?

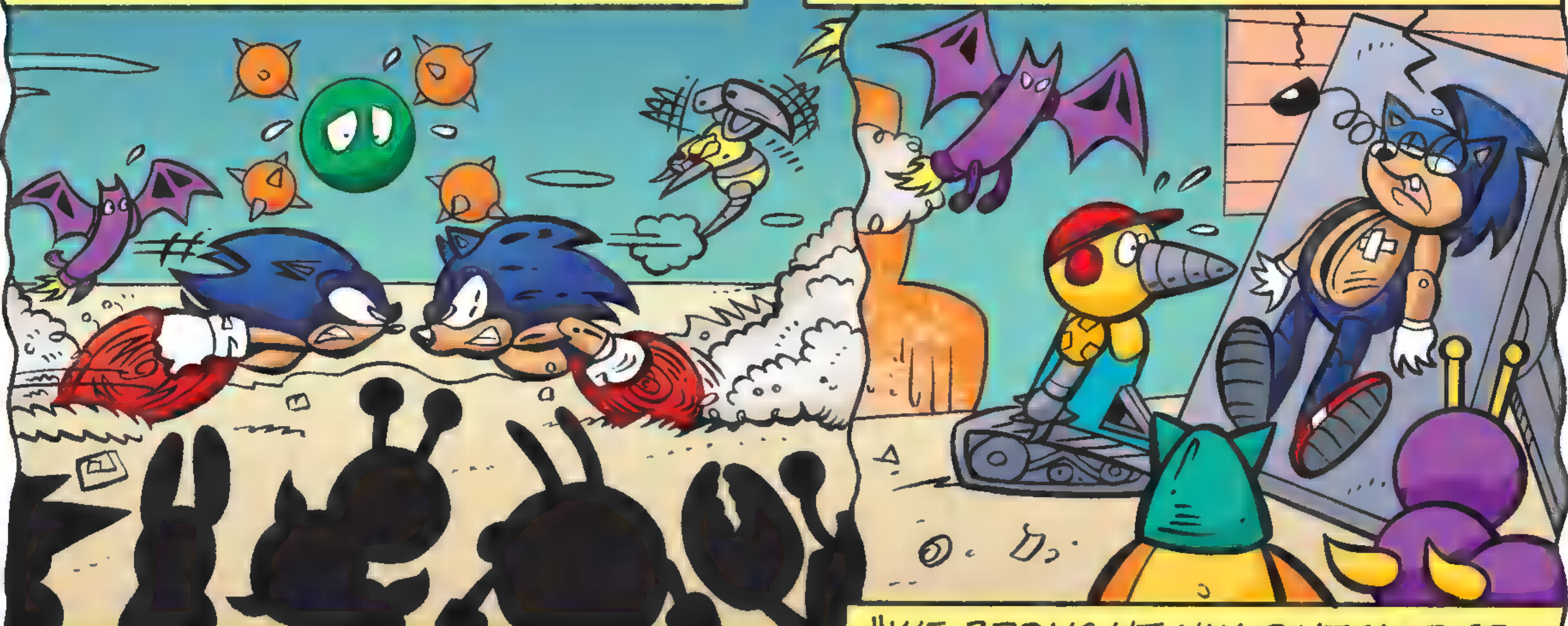
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A  
LOT!!!



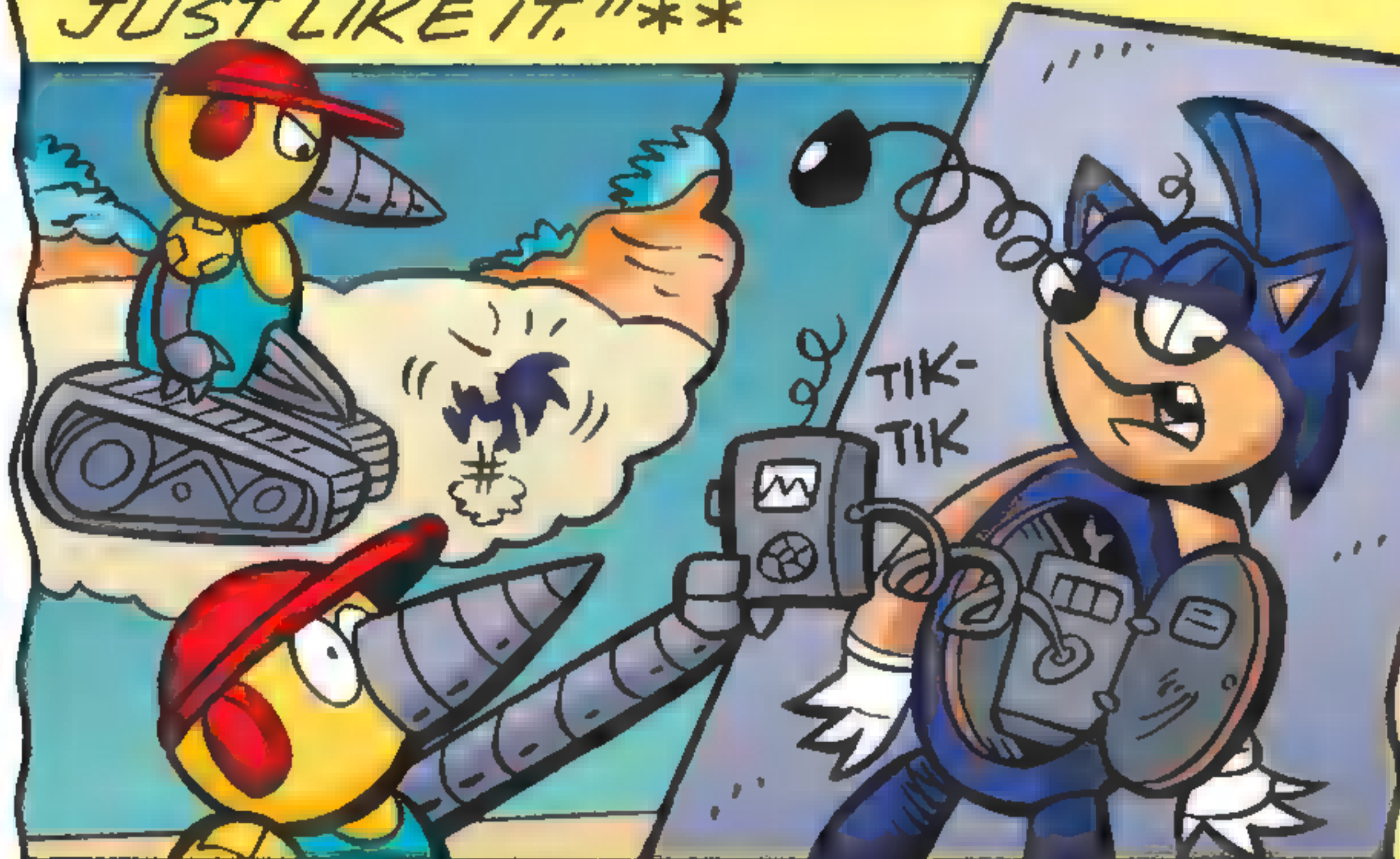
"REMEMBER WHEN SONIC THE HEDGEHOG AND PSEUDO-SONIC DECIDED TO SETTLE THEIR FIGHT ON MISFIT ISLAND WITH A 'BIGHORN CHALLENGE'!... \*

"WE TOOK THE DAMAGED PSEUDO-SONIC AND SUBMERGED THE ISLAND TO REPAIR HIM. THAT'S WHEN BURROBOT NOTICED SOMETHING..."



"WAY BACK WHEN, IVO ROBOTNIK HAD INSTALLED A 'RATIO REDOUBLING ROUTER' THAT CAUSES A ROBOT TO GROW GEOMETRICALLY. BURROBOT'S UNCLE HAD ONE JUST LIKE IT."\*\*

"WE BROUGHT HIM OUTSIDE SO HE COULDN'T SHATTER THE DOME. WHEN WE HIT THE SWITCH, PSEUDO-SONIC BEGAN GROWING."

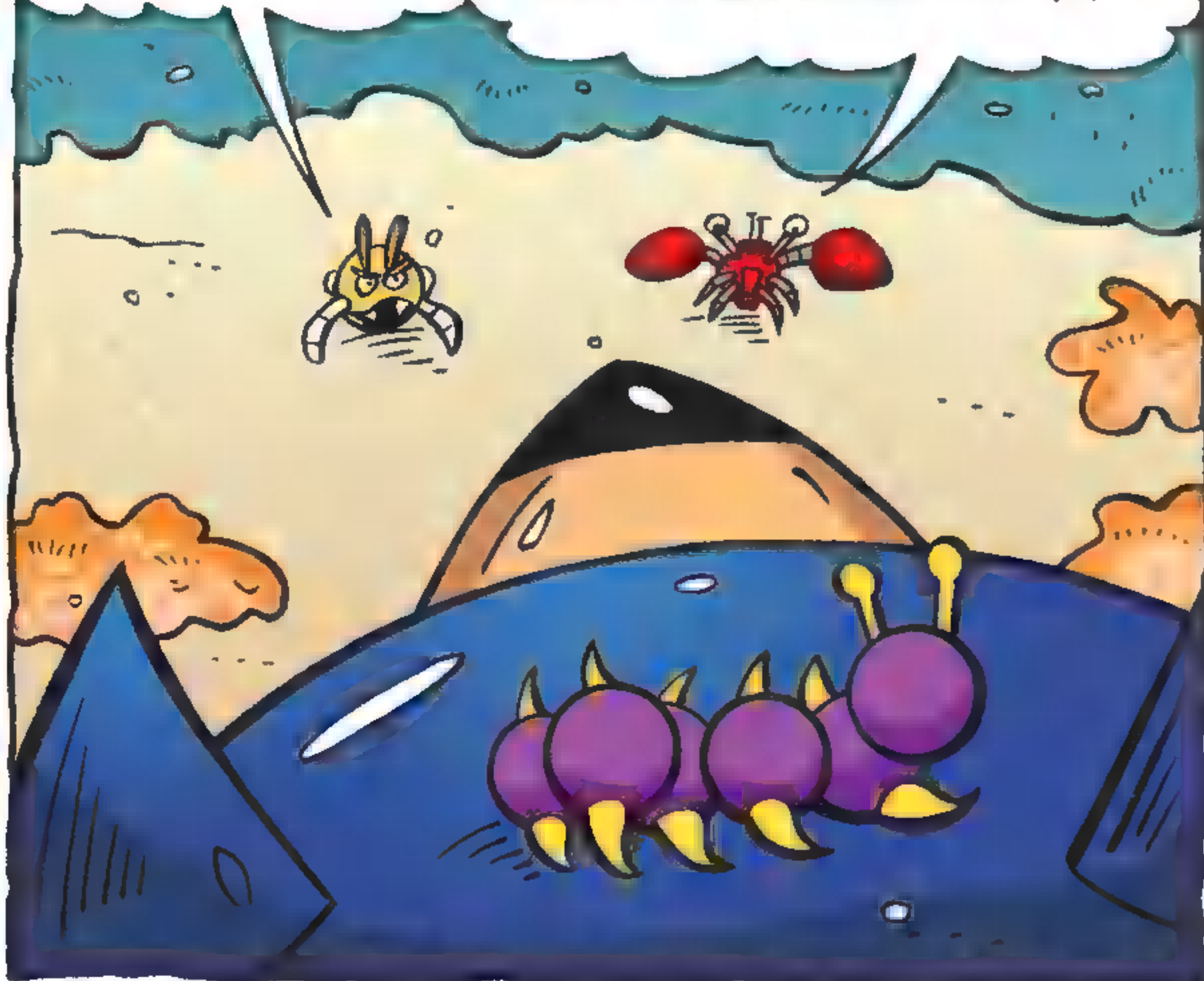


\*AN "INSTANT CLASSIC" FROM STH #170: "ISLAND OF MISFIT BADNIKS."  
--ALEXANDER GRAHAM PELL

\*\*CLIMB INTO THE WAYBACK MACHINE AND FIND STH #3-- OR BUY A COPY OF SONIC FIRSTS-- OR THE CURRENT SONIC ARCHIVES #1...WOO HOO! A TRIPLE PLUG!--MP3.

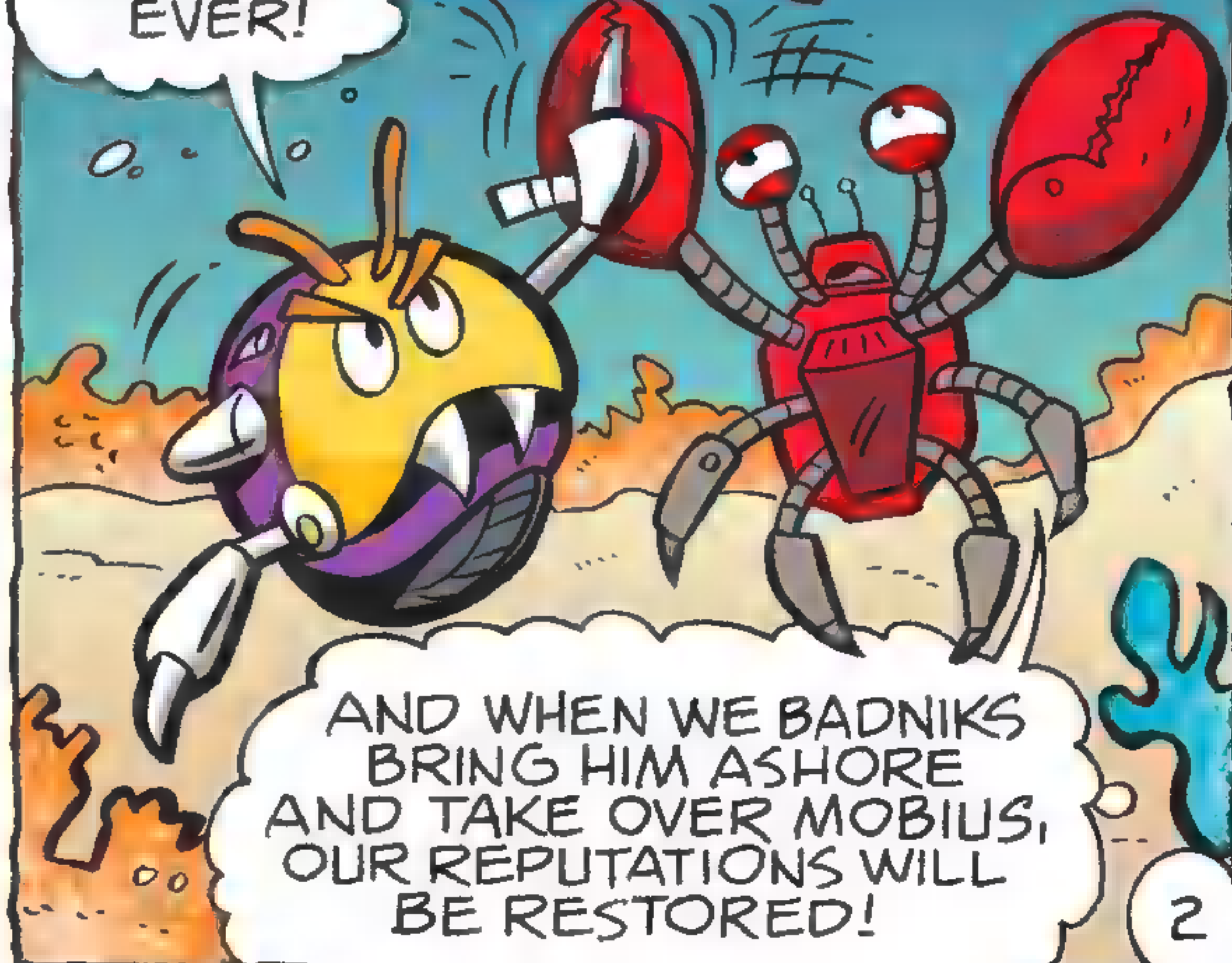
HOLY IOW-40! LOOK AT THE SIZE OF HIM!

YEAH! JUST A LITTLE MORE TWEAKING, AND HE'LL BE FULLY OPERATIONAL!



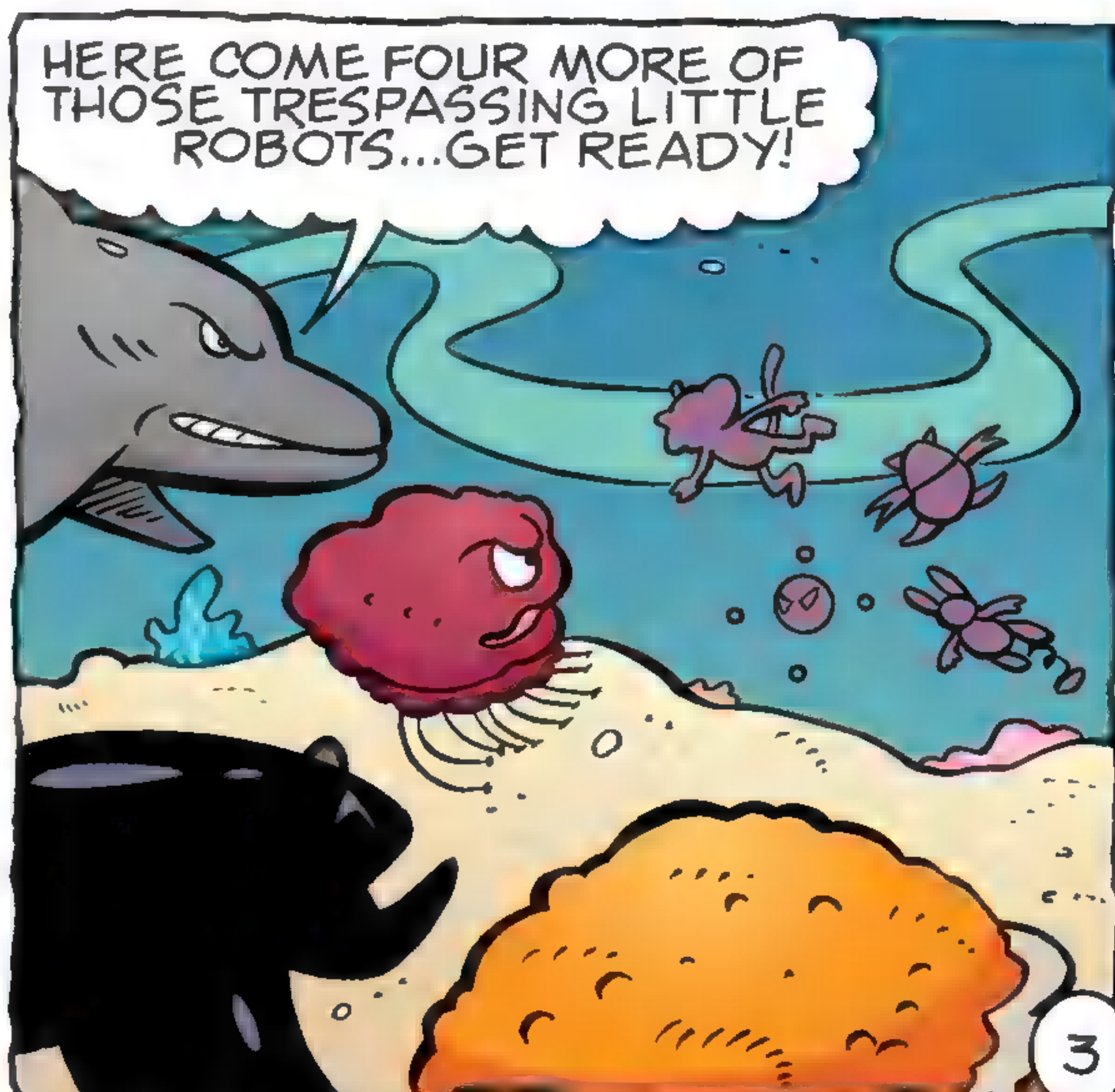
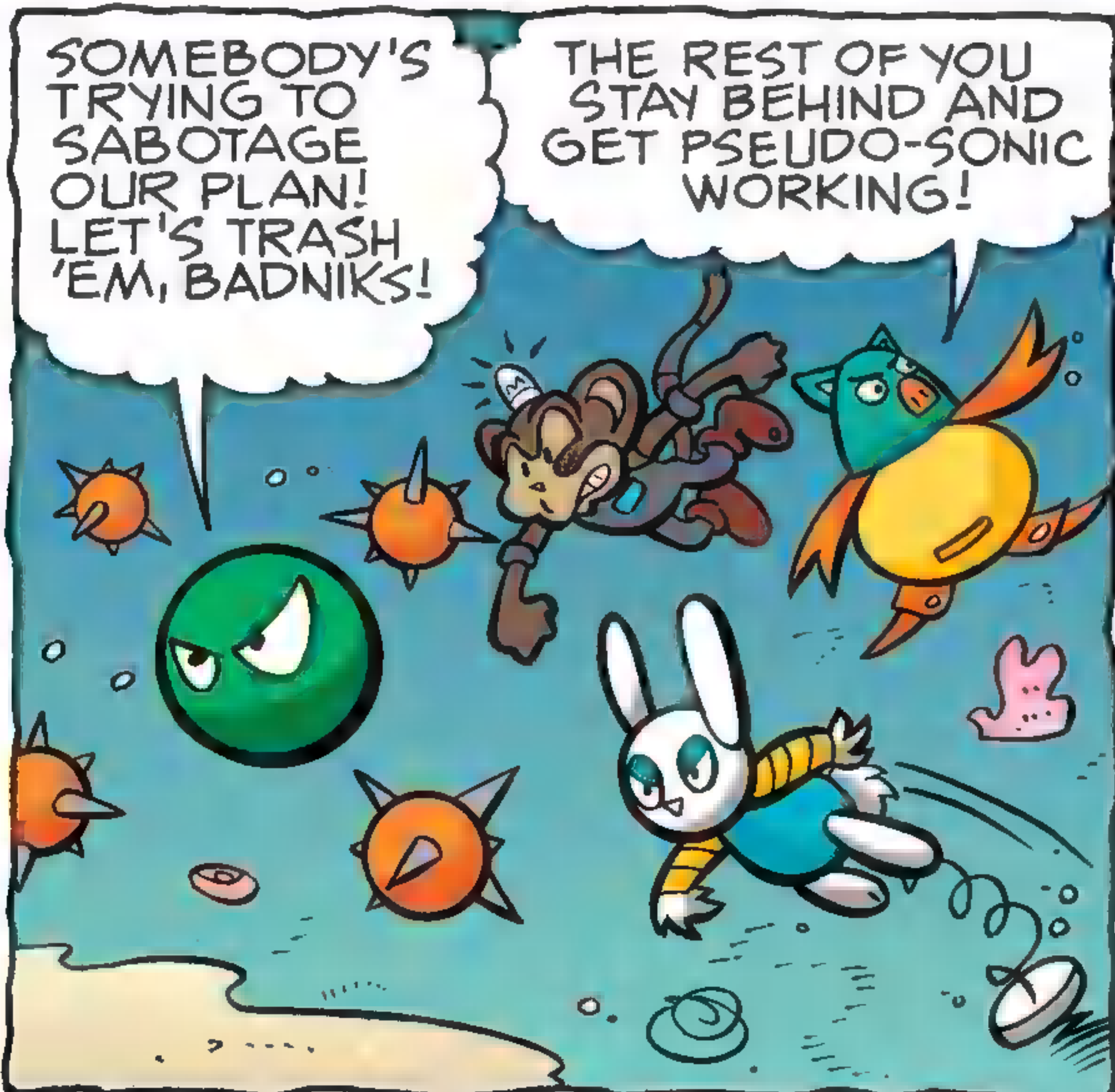
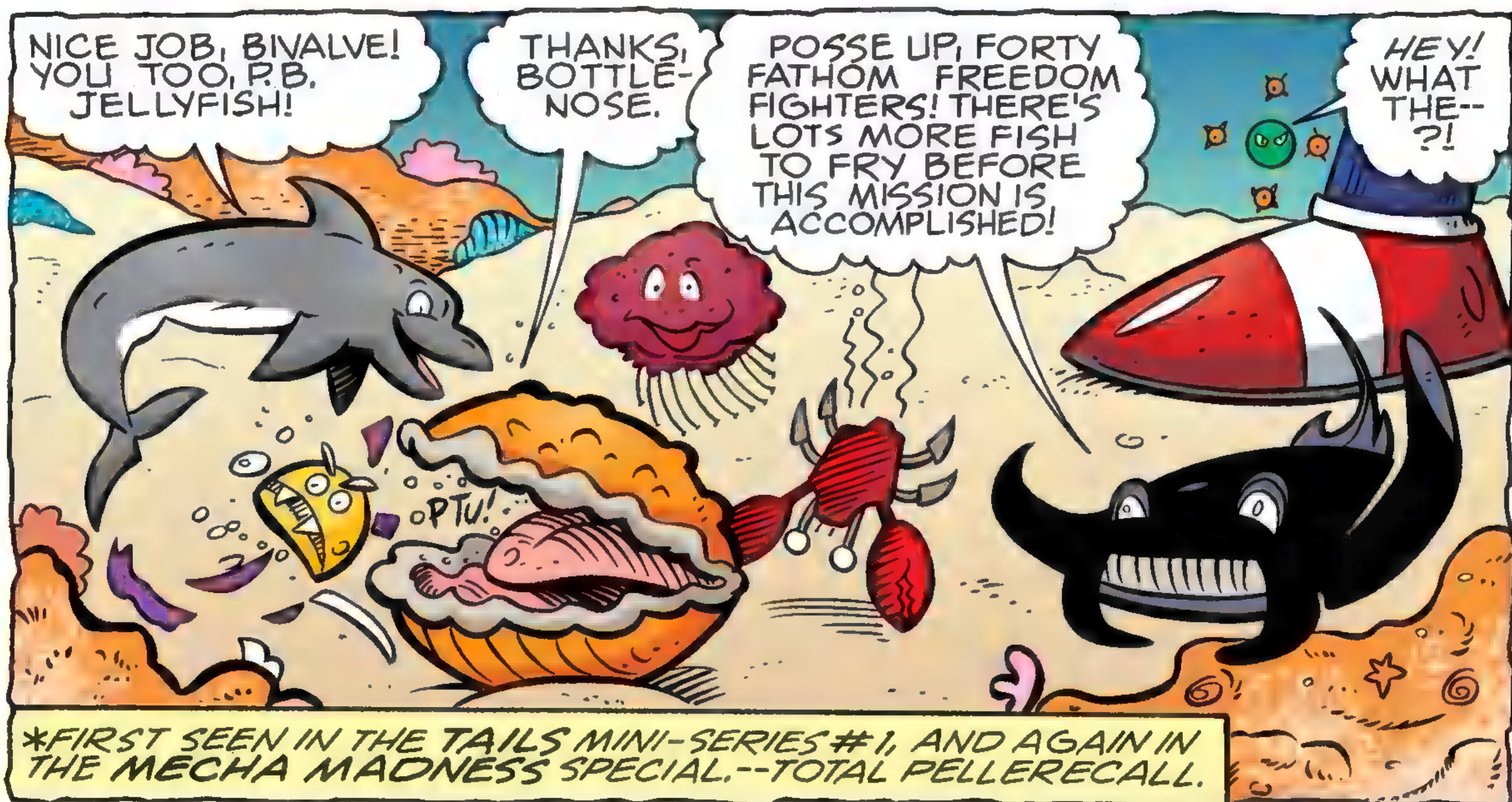
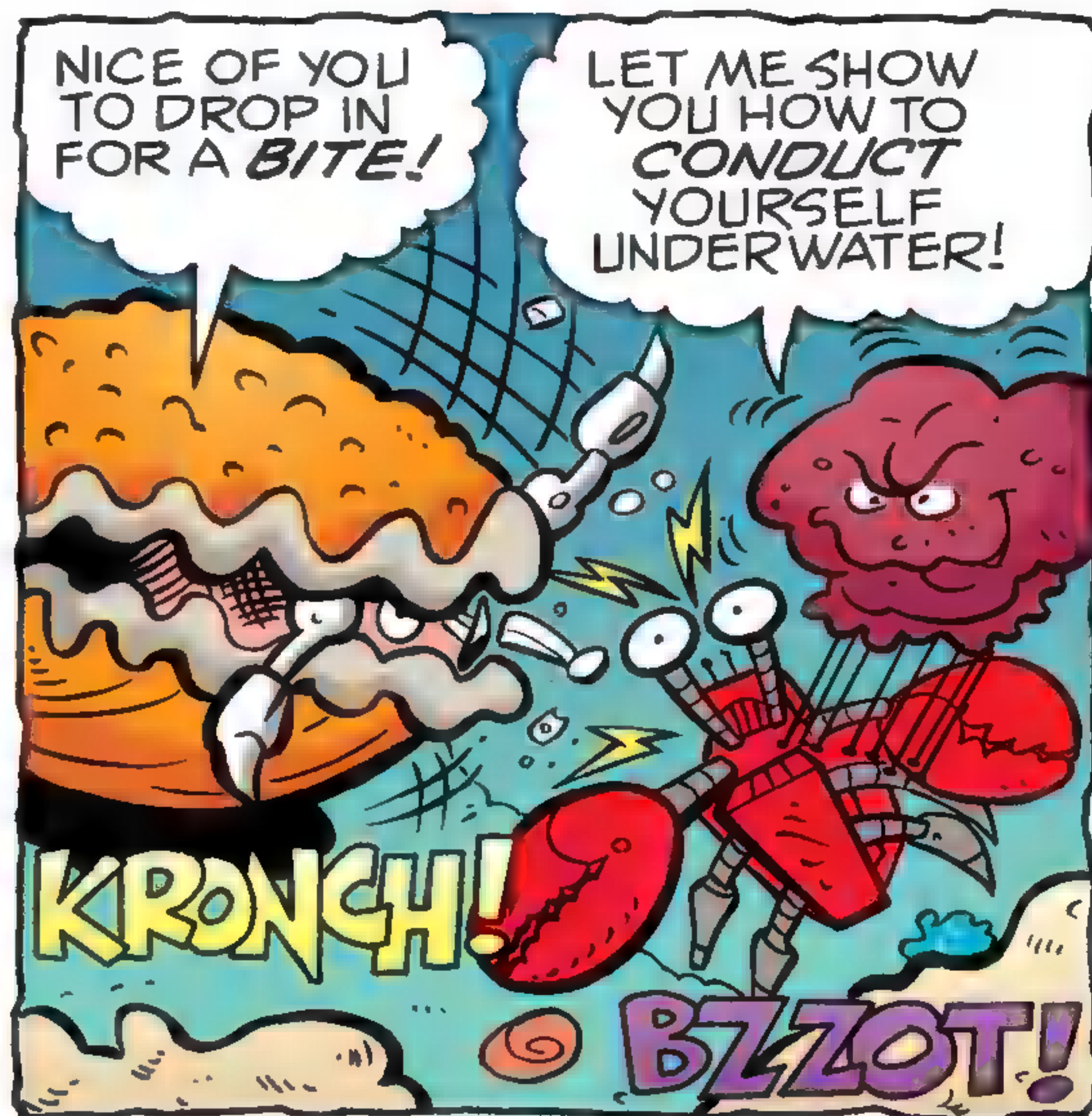
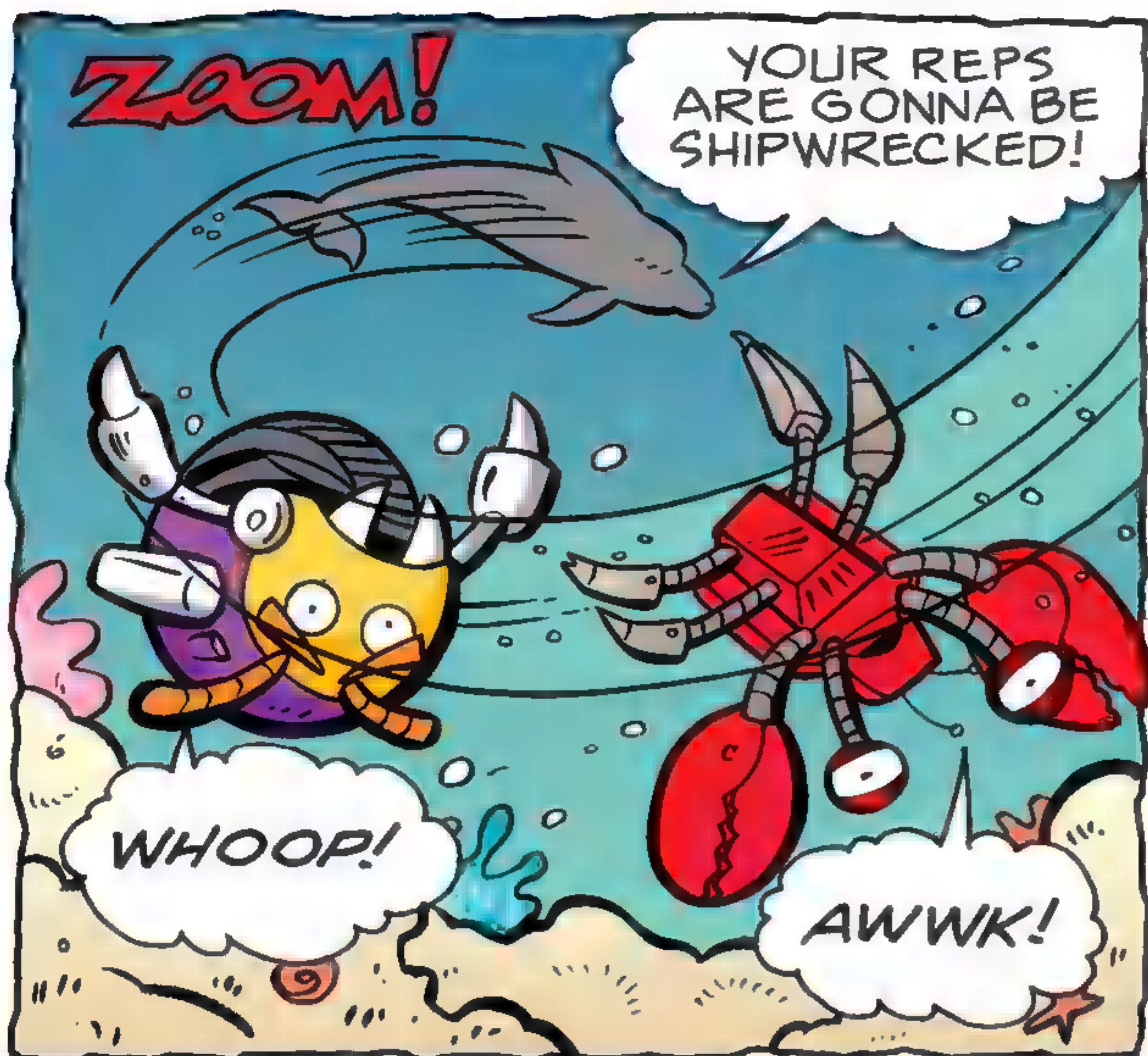
PSEUDO-SONIC'S GONNA BE THE BIGGEST, BADDEST FIGHTING MACHINE EVER!

CLANK!

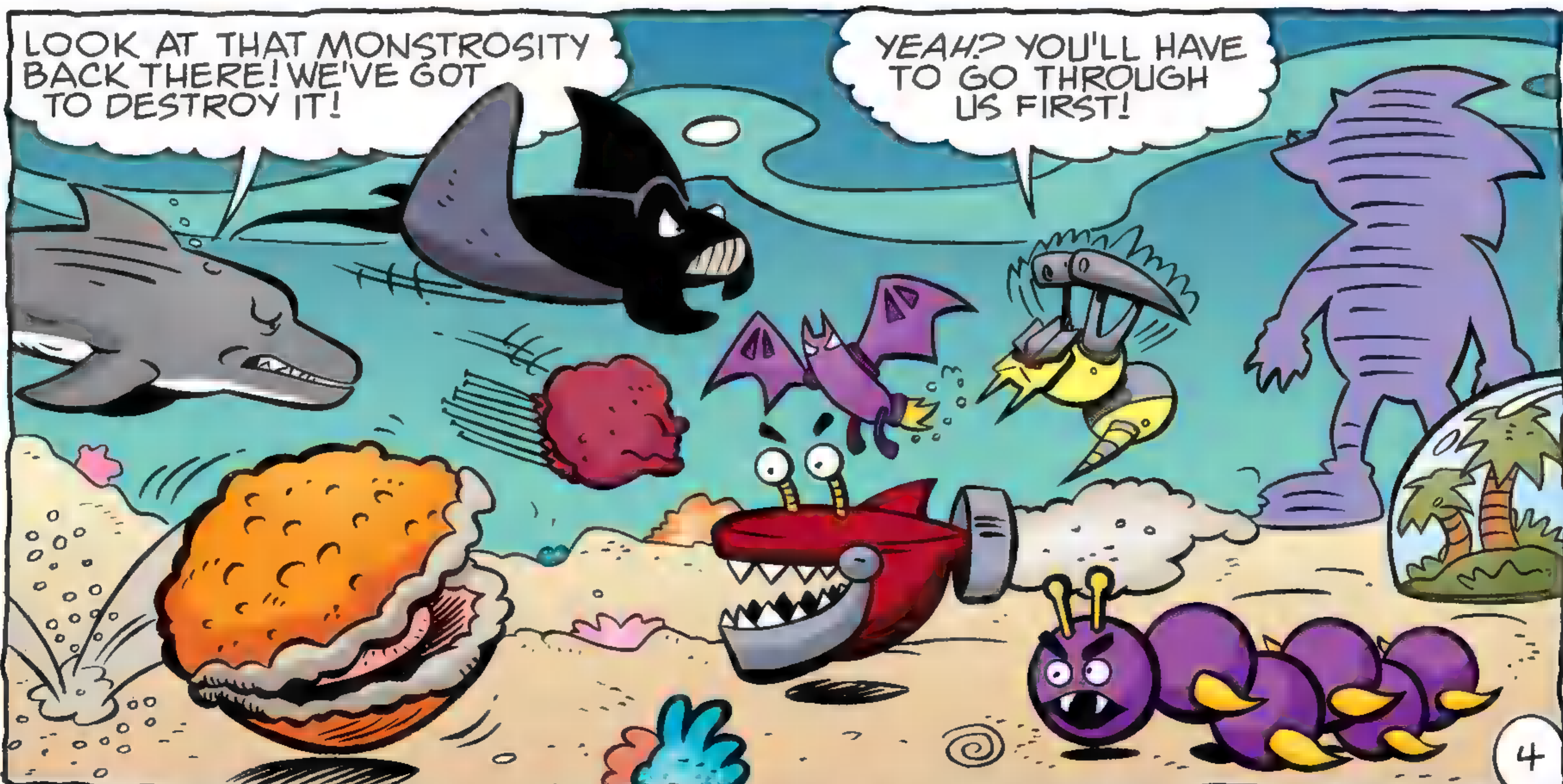
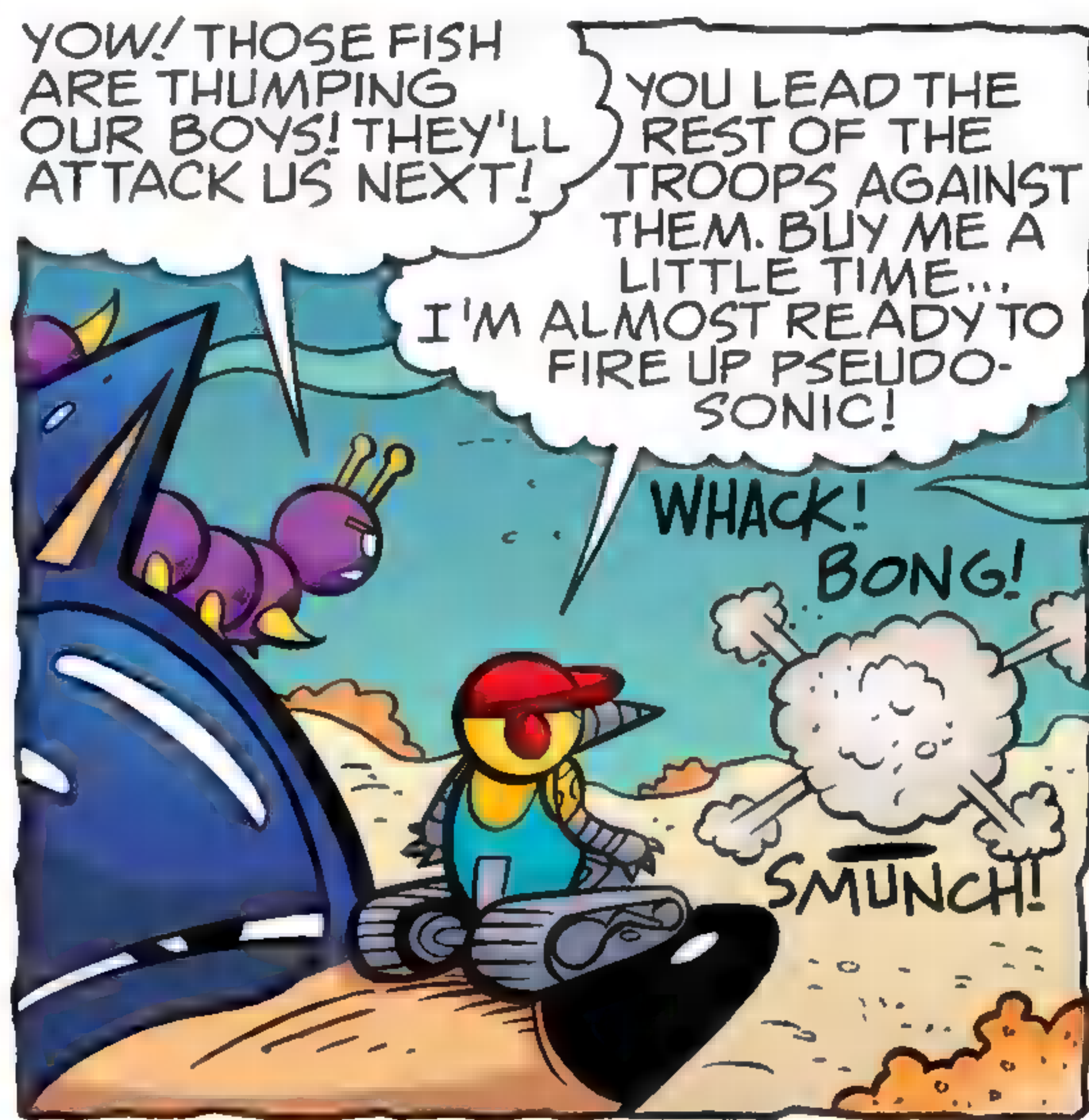
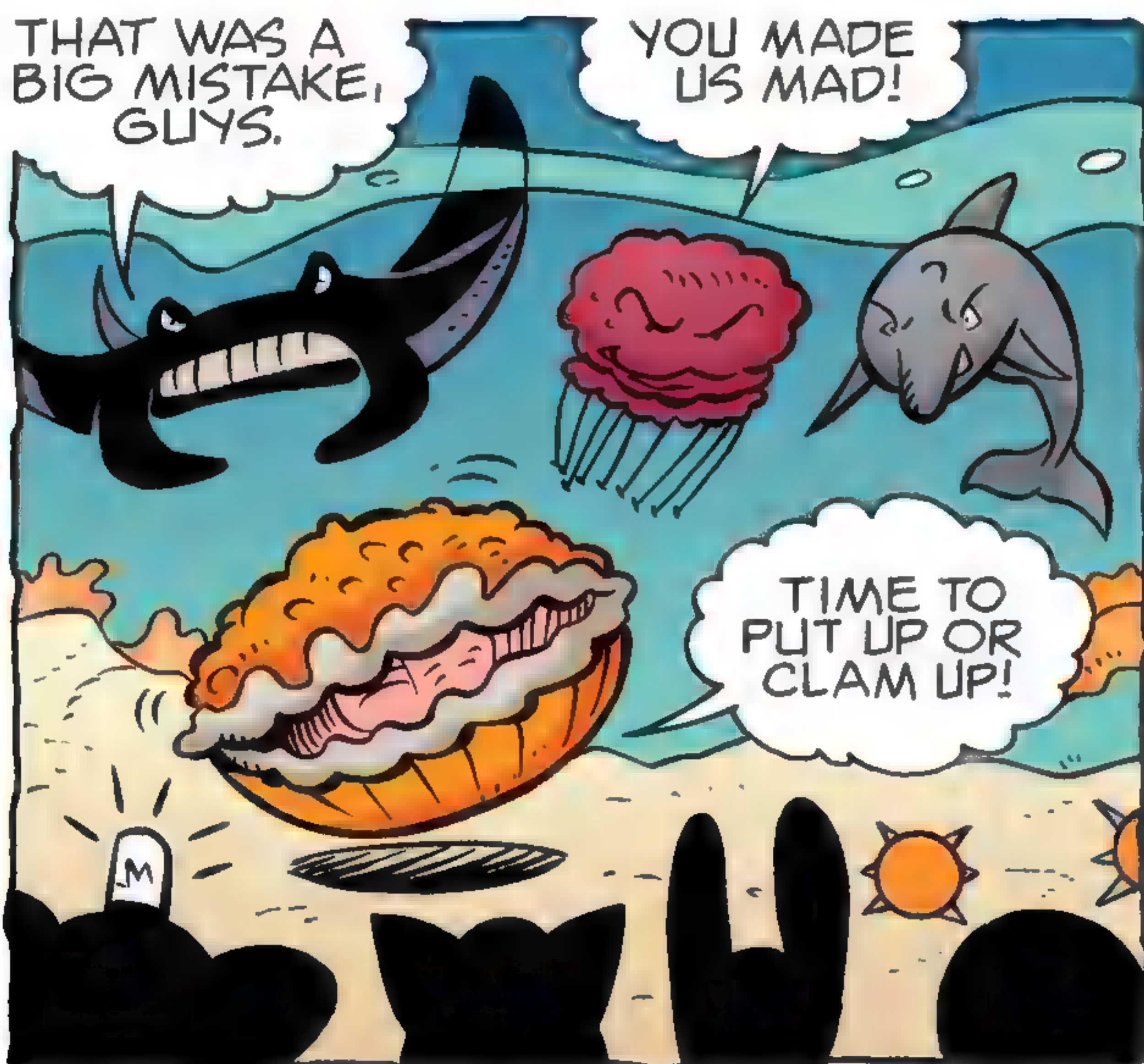
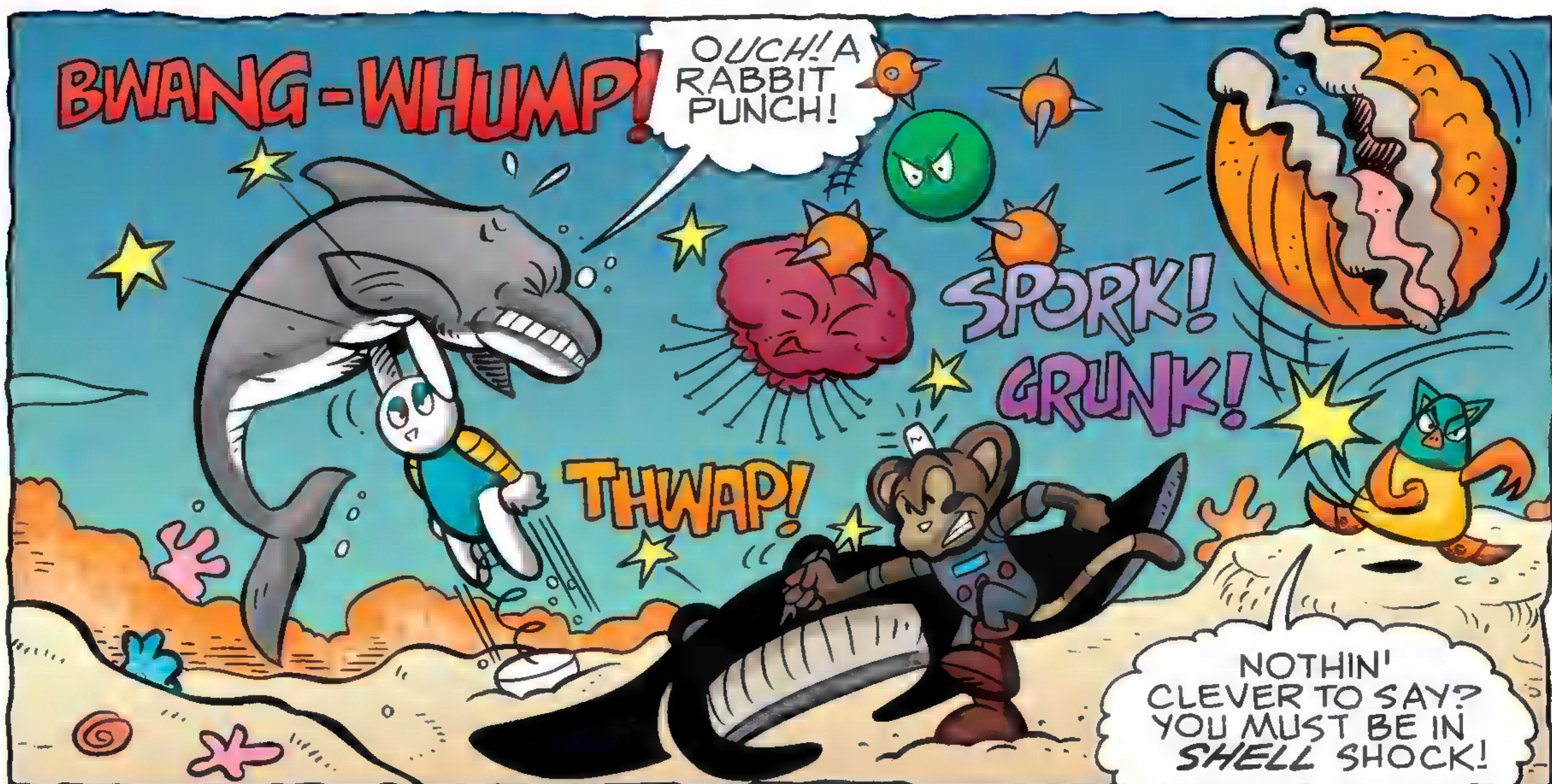


AND WHEN WE BADNIKS BRING HIM ASHORE AND TAKE OVER MOBIUS, OUR REPUTATIONS WILL BE RESTORED!

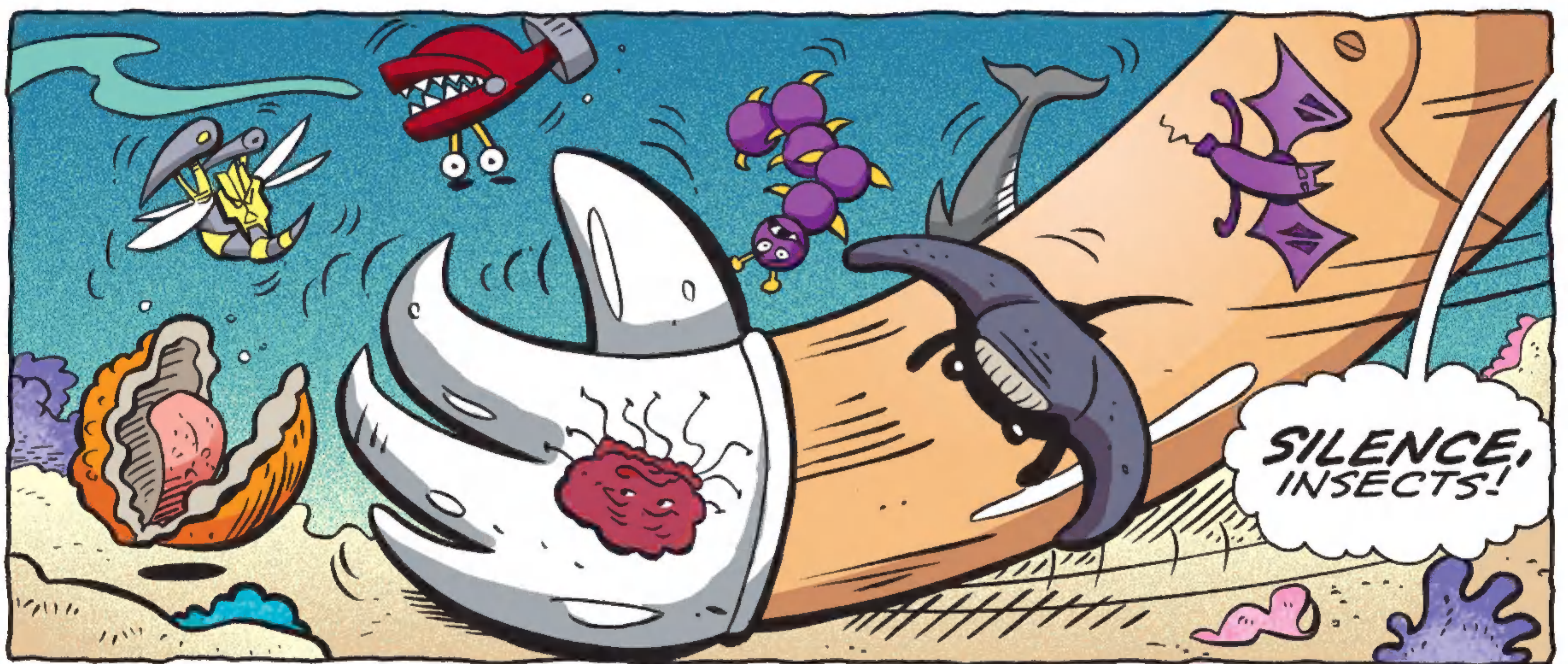
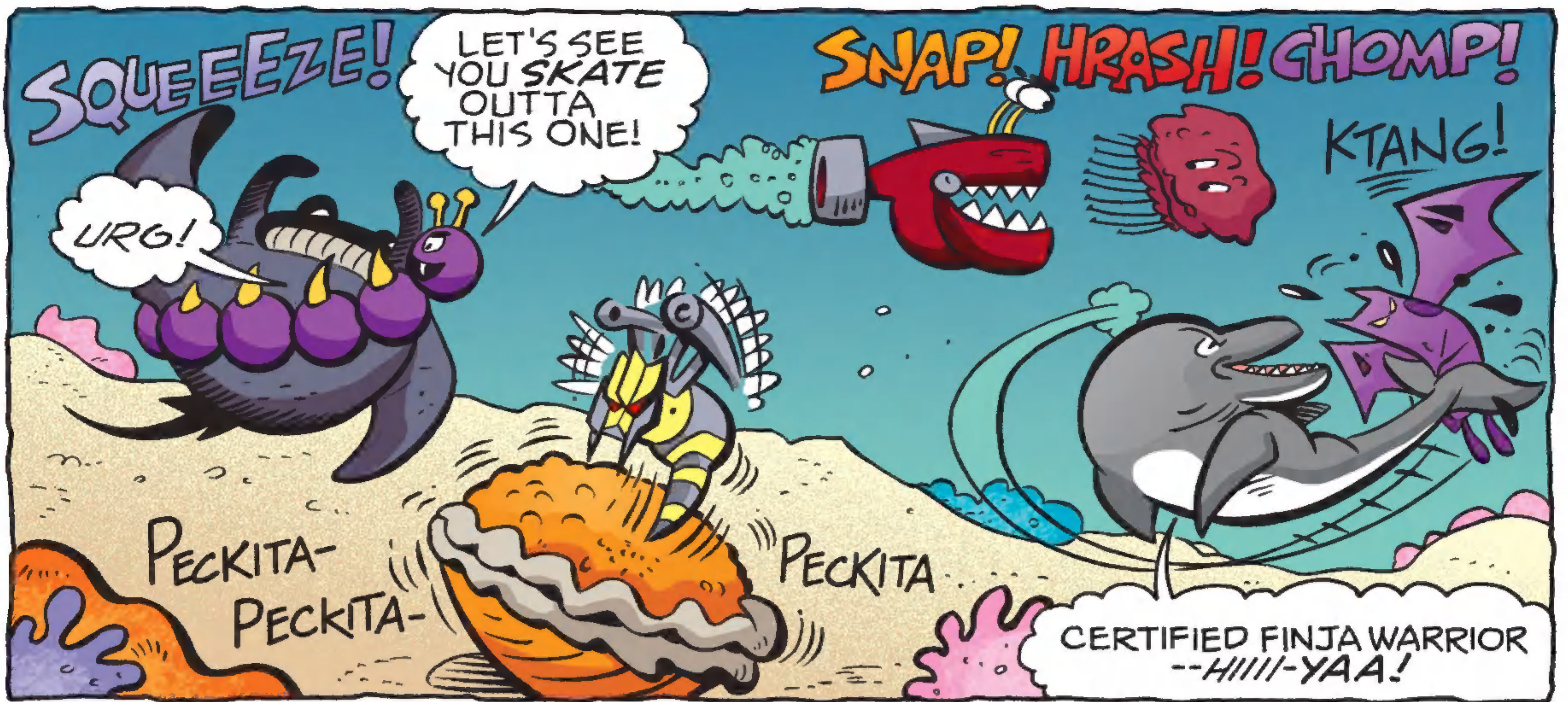






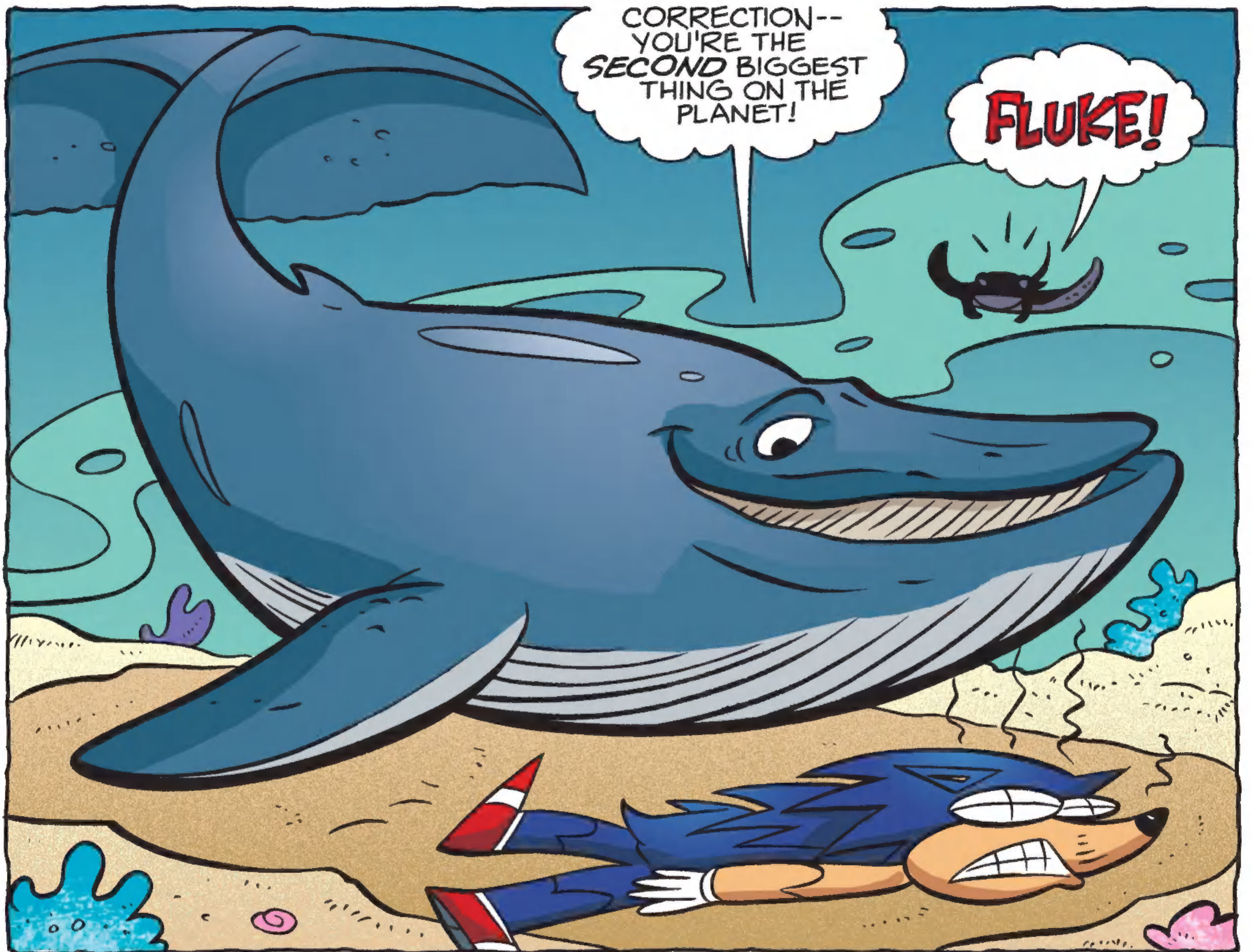








**WHAM!**



SORRY I'M LATE, TEAMMATES. WHEN THE P.I. A\* CONTACTED ME ABOUT THESE INVADERS, I WAS A THOUSAND NAUTICAL MILES AWAY!

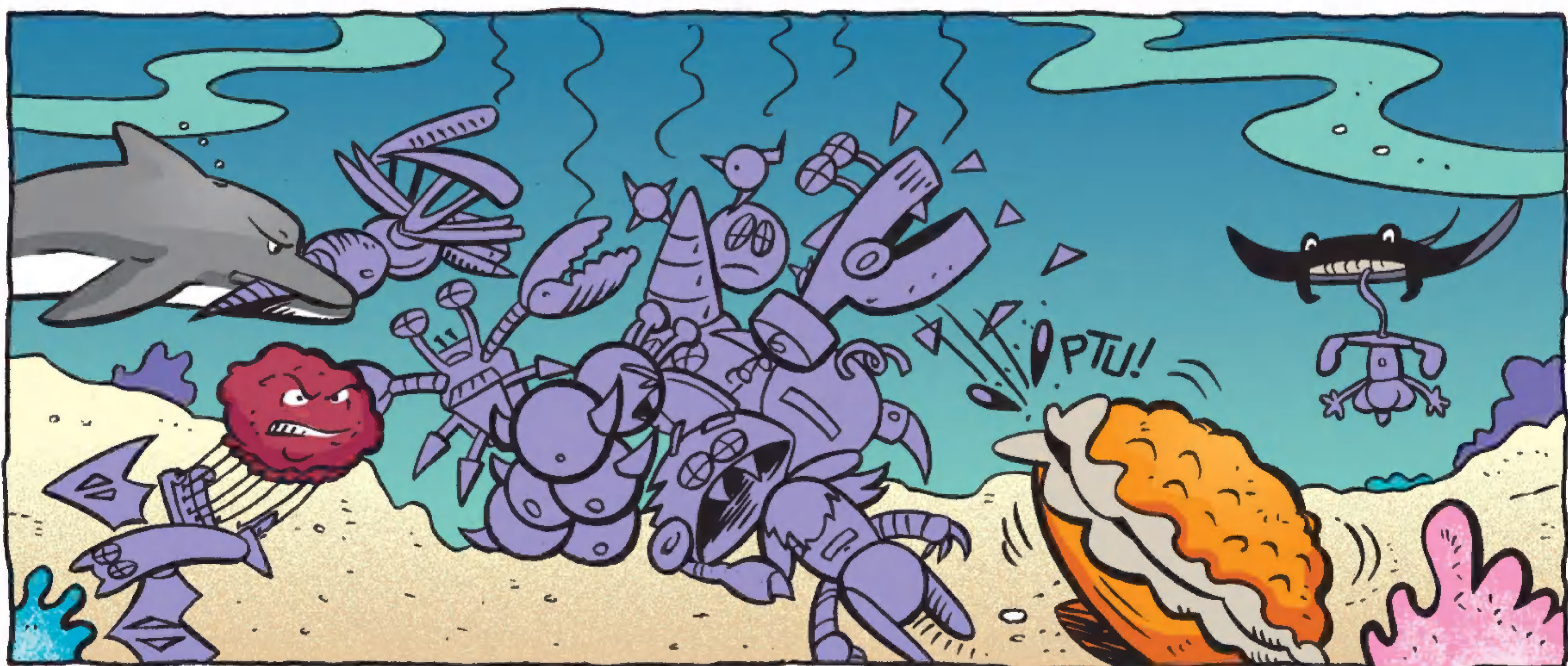
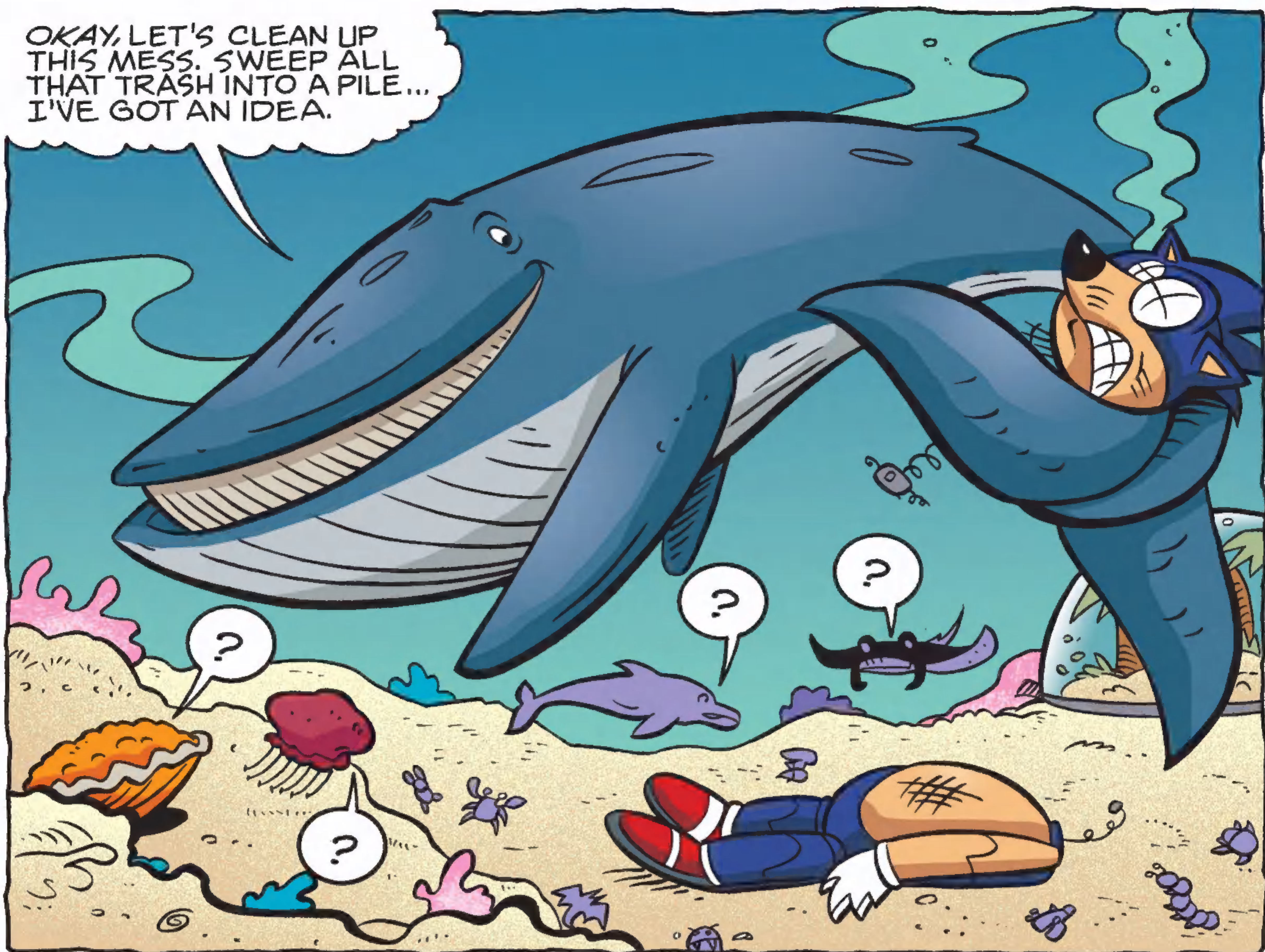
NO PROBLEM, BIG BLUE. YOU GOT HERE JUST IN TIME.



\*P.I. A. STANDS FOR THE PLANKTON INTELLIGENCE AGENCY!--MIKE NELSON C. HUNT.



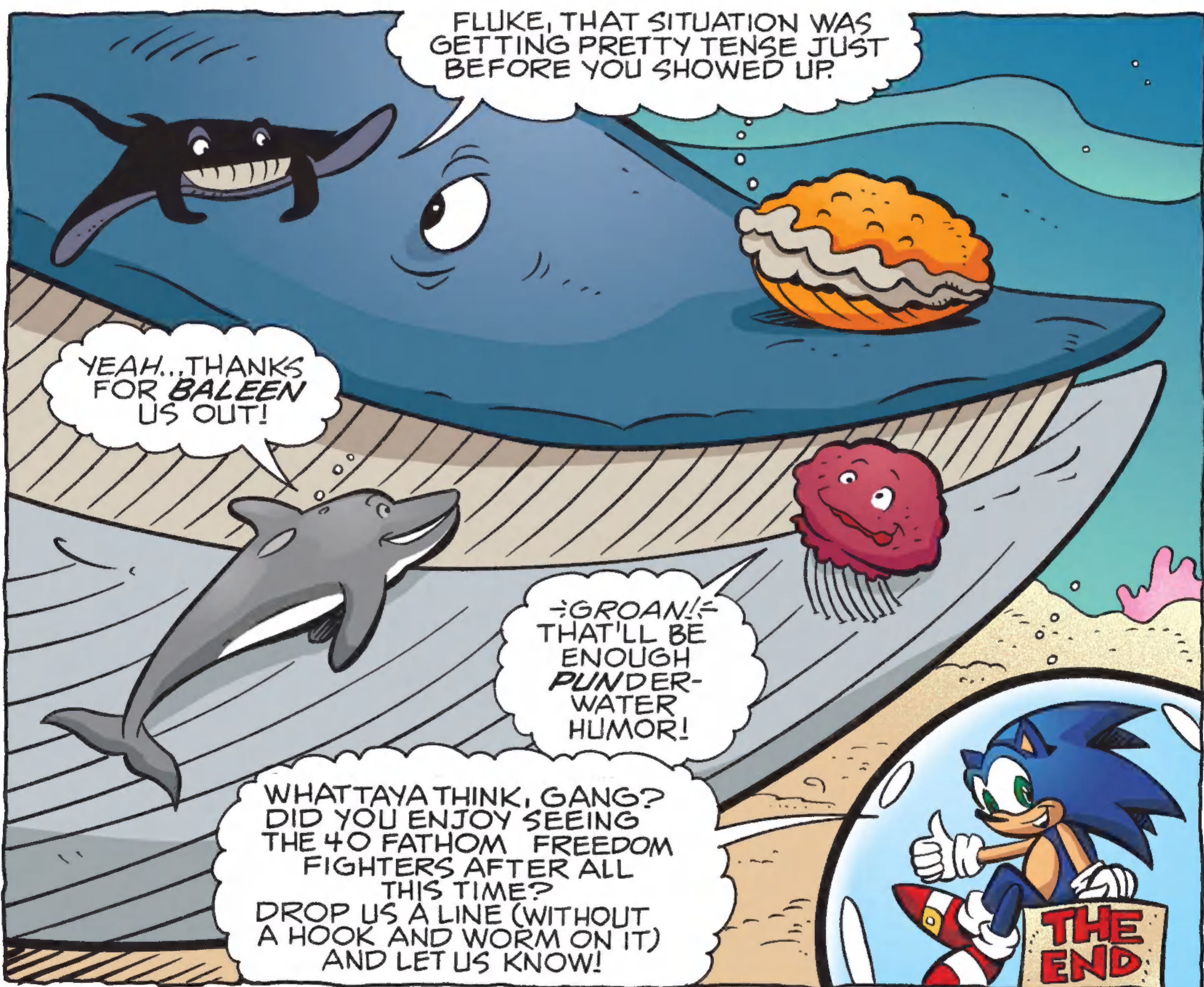
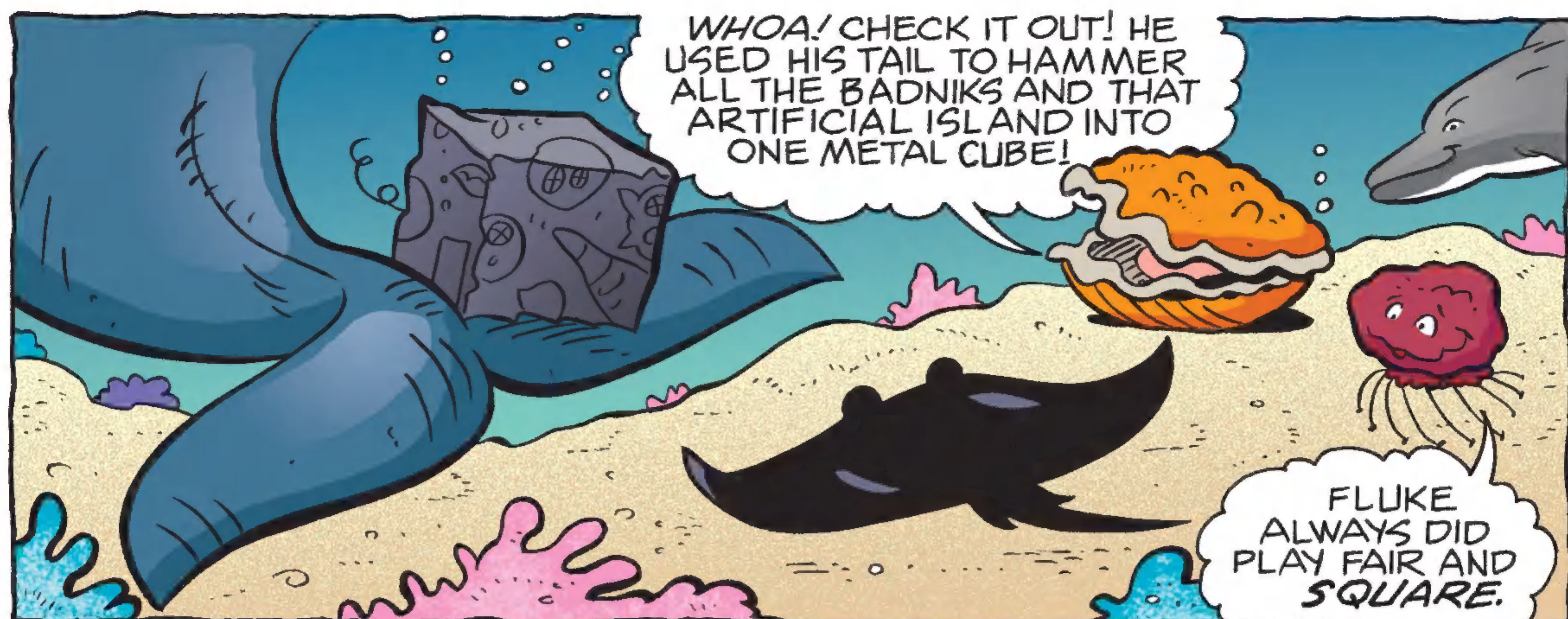
OKAY, LET'S CLEAN UP  
THIS MESS. SWEEP ALL  
THAT TRASH INTO A PILE...  
I'VE GOT AN IDEA.



**THUNK!**  
**CRUMPLE!**  
**SKLONK!**

**FOLD! MASH!**  
**WHOMP! SQUISH!**  
**COMPRESS!**





**MAKE SURE NOT TO MISS NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE, WHERE MAMMOTH MOGUL'S INTENTIONS ARE REVEALED! KEEP UP ON YOUR SONIC COLLECTION WITH SONIC X AND SONIC ARCHIVES! VOLUMES 1-6 ON SALE NOW! AND KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR THE ALL-NEW SERIES, SONIC SELECT, FEATURING STORIES FROM THE MUCH-LOVED SONIC SUPER SPECIALS! COMING SOON!**